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OF

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BEING THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

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OF

NEW ZEALAND,

FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF ITS

THIRD PARLIAMENT,

BEING IN THE YEAR 1864. 28° VICTORIÆ.

THE HONOURABLE THOMAS HOUGHTON BARTLEY—SPEAKER.

26th May, 1853	WILLIAM SWAINSON	Auckland.
26th May, 1853	WILLIAM HENRY KENNY	Auckland.
26th May, 1853	*FREDERICK WHITAKER**	Auckland.
26th May, 1853	JOHN SALMON	Auckland.
23rd June, 1853	MATHEW RICHMOND, C.B.	Nelson.
16th July, 1854	THOMAS HOUGHTON BARTLEY	Auckland.
4th February, 1856	HENRY JOHN TANCRED	Canterbury.
28th January, 1858	JAMES MENZIES, M.D.	Southland.
16th February, 1858	GEORGE CUTFIELD	Taranaki.
20th February, 1858	GEO. ALFRED ARNEY, Knt., Chief Justice	Auckland.
13th April, 1858	*JOHN HYDE HARRIS*†	Otago.
5th August, 1858	JOHN CHARLES WATTS RUSSELL	Canterbury.
15th August, 1859	JAMES COUTTS CRAWFORD	Wellington.
8th March, 1861	JOHN JOHNSTON	Wellington.
8th March, 1861	WILLIAM DOUGLAS HALL BAILLIE	Marlborough.
2nd July, 1861	ANDREW HAMILTON RUSSELL	Hawke's Bay.
16th July, 1861	DANIEL POLLEN	Auckland.
2nd August, 1861	HENRY SEWELL	Wellington.
12th July, 1862	JOHN ANDERSON GILFILLAN	Auckland.
12th July, 1862	ROBERT STOKES	Wellington.
12th July, 1862	HENRY RUSSELL	Hawke's Bay.
25th July, 1862	JOHN HALL	Canterbury.
25th July, 1862	GEORGE LESLIE LEE	Canterbury.
25th July, 1862	ANDREW BUCHANAN, M.D.	Otago.
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31st August, 1863	GEORGE STODDART WHITMORE	Hawke's Bay.
15th October, 1863	THOMAS RENWICK, M.D.	Nelson.
17th October, 1863	HENRY WALTON	Auckland.

* Resigned, 19th December, 1864. † Resigned, 9th December, 1864.

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SHORT TITLE OF BILLS.	BY WHOM AND WHEN INITIATED.		FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	THIRD READING AND PASSING.	REMARKS.
Canterbury Great Northern Railway	House of Representatives.	8 Dec.	8 Dec.	8 Dec.	9 Dec.	Report of Committee brought up, 9th December.
Canterbury Great Southern Railway	House of Representatives.	"	"	"	"	Report of Committee brought up, 9th December.
Bank of Auckland	House of Representatives.	"	"	9 Dec.	10 "	Report of Committee brought up, 9th December.
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Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) . . .	House of Representatives.	"	"	"	"	Report of Committee brought up, 10th December. Referred back again twice, 10th December. Second and third Reports brought up and adopted, 10th December. Concurrence of House of Representatives in the Amendments notified, 13th December.

NOTE.—Standing Orders regarding Private Bills suspended for the Session, from 8th December.

Schedule of Public Bills introduced into the Legislative Council, Session 1864.

SHORT TITLE OF BILLS.	BY WHOM AND WHEN INITIATED.		FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	COMMITTAL AND REPORT.	THIRD READING AND PASSING.	AMENDMENTS BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.	CONFERENCE WITH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.	REMARKS.
1. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking*	Hon. Mr. Hall	29 Nov.	1 Dec.	2 Dec.	2 & 5 Dec.	8 Dec.	...	...	*Lapsed.*
2. Coroners' Act Amendment.	Hon. Mr. Sewell	"	"	"	2 "	5 "	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 10th December.
3. Wild Birds' Protection .	"	"	2 "	8 "	8 "	9 "	12 Dec.	...	Amendments by House of Representatives adopted, 12th December.
4. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment	"	"	1 "	2 "	2 "	5 "	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 10th December.
5. Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago)	"	"	"	"	2 "	"	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 10th December.
6. *Disturbed Districts* . .	"	8 Dec.	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Lapsed.*
7. New Zealand Settlements Amendment . . .	House of Representatives	"	8 "	9 "	9 "	9 "	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 10th December.
8. Public Works Lands . .	"	"	"	"	9 "	"	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 10th December.
9. New Customs' Duties. .	"	"	"	8 "	8 "	8 "	...	...	*On suspension of Standing Orders.*
10. Rate of Interest. . .	"	9 Dec.	9 "	9 "	9 "	9 "	...	...	.....
11. Debentures . . .	"	"	"	"	9 "	"	...	...	.....
12. Arms Act Continuance .	Hon. Mr. Sewell	"	"	"	9 "	"	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 10th December.
13. Naturalization . . .	"	"	"	"	9 "	"	12 Dec.	...	Amendments by House of Representatives adopted, 12th December.
14. Native Lands Amendment .	"	"	"	10 "	10 "	10 "	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 13th December.
15. Panama Mail Service . .	House of Representatives	"	"	9 "	9 "	9 "	...	...	.....
16. Coupons	"	10 Dec.	10 "	10 "	10 "	10 "	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 13th December.
17. Sheriffs' Act Amendment .	"	"	"	"	10 "	"	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 13th December.
18. Canterbury Waste Lands .	"	"	"	"	10 "	"	...	...	Concurrence of House of Representatives notified, 13th December. *Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.*
19. Albert Hall . . .	"	12 Dec.	12 "	12 "	12 "	12 "	...	...	.....

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Note.—Standing Orders as to the passing of Bills through their various stages in one day suspended 8th December, and for the remainder of the Session, from 9th December.

SCHEDULE of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table of the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS.

A Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by virtue of an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," I do hereby summon and call together the General Assembly of New Zealand to meet, for the Despatch of Business, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of November next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, at the City of Auckland; and you and each of you, the Honourable Legislative Councillors, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives, are hereby enjoined to give your attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this Eighteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. Grey.

By His Excellency's command,
William Fox.

God save the Queen!

A Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by Proclamation dated the Eighteenth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the General Assembly of New Zealand was summoned to meet for the Despatch of Business on Monday, the twenty-first day of November instant: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the same:

Now, therefore, I, Sir George Grey, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, do hereby prorogue the said General Assembly to Wednesday, the Twenty-third day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said General Assembly shall assemble for the Despatch of Business on the said Twenty-third day of November, at two o'clock, p.m., at Auckland; and the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, and the Members of the House of Representatives, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this nineteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. Grey.

By His Excellency's command,
Frederick Whitaker.

God save the Queen!

A Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honoruable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by Proclamation dated the Nineteenth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the General Assembly of New Zealand was summoned to meet for the Despatch of Business on Wednesday, the Twenty-third day of November instant: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the same:

Now

Now, therefore, I, Sir GEORGE GREY, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, do hereby prorogue the said General Assembly to Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said General Assembly shall assemble for the Despatch of Business on the said Twenty-fourth day of November, at two o'clock, p.m., at Auckland; and the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, and the Members of the House of Representatives, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this Twenty-second day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
FREDERICK WHITAKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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SESSION 1864.

At the fourth Session of the third Parliament of New Zealand, begun and holden in the City of Auckland, on the Twenty-fourth day of November, in the Twenty-eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady, Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

1. *Opening Speech.*—His Excellency the Governor, Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, having been announced, and being seated in a Chair of State, attended by the Hon. the Speaker, commanded Spencer Medley, Esq., His Excellency's Private Secretary, to let the House of Representatives know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him forthwith in the Chamber."

The Hon. the Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives having thereupon attended,

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,—Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,—

The State of the Colony and the resignation of my late Responsible Advisers, have rendered it imperative upon me to call you together at an unusual season, and I have to thank you for the readiness with which you have answered that summons.

With the least possible delay, I have appointed gentlemen of both Houses of the Legislature as my Constitutional Advisers.

The thanks of the Colony are due to Lieutenant-General Sir Duncan Cameron, and Commodore Sir William Wiseman, and to the officers and men of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, and of the Colonial Forces, who, by a series of gallant and successful operations, have driven the insurgent natives from districts hitherto the head-quarters of disaffection. I very deeply regret that the accomplishment of this object has involved the loss of so many lives valuable alike to this Colony and to their country.

Steps will be taken with the least possible delay to secure the future peace of the country, by setting apart defined portions of the land of rebel natives, for the purpose of satisfying the engagements with military and other permanent settlers, and indemnifying the Colony to a reasonable extent, by the sale of portions thereof, for expenditure incurred in the suppression of the present rebellion.

Acting on my individual responsibility, I have offered certain terms of pardon to natives now in arms against Her Majesty's authority. They will be laid before you.

I regret that the Province of Taranaki and the Ngatiruanui country still remain in a state of disturbance; and it is my intention promptly and energetically to take such steps as may appear best calculated to restore order in those districts, and to place the settlement of Taranaki on a firm and secure footing.

To forward this end a Bill will be laid before you to enable the Government to acquire land for the construction of main lines of road through these districts, and others in the Northern Island.

Her Majesty having seen fit to entrust to me large and discretionary power so long as the Colony accepts the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, it will be your duty to consider whether the time has arrived when the Colony may depend upon its own resources for its internal defence, and the Governor be thereby enabled to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary matters, excepting only in such as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

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In accordance with the decision of Commissioners acting under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, I propose immediately to remove the Seat of Government to Wellington.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The financial position of the Colony will require your most serious consideration. Her Majesty's Home Government has offered to guarantee One Million of the Loan authorised by your Act of last Session, but a due regard to the just rights of former creditors and to engagements entered into with the Provinces may, without detriment to any just claims preferred by the Home Government, probably prevent your acceptance of the offer; nevertheless, I entertain a confident belief that the steadily increasing wealth and revenue of this Colony will enable it to provide the means required for restoring and maintaining its prosperity.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

A Contract having been entered into by an accredited Agent of the Colony with an English Company for the establishment of a Postal Service by way of Panama, it will probably appear to you that the credit of the Colony requires that such Contract should be confirmed, subject to reasonable modifications on points of detail. The Contract will be laid before you.

It will be my duty, during the next recess, to collect such information as may afford materials for a readjustment of the Representation of the Colony.

The discovery of new Gold Fields in the Southern Island, the satisfactory prospects of the older ones; the progress of commercial, agricultural, and pastoral enterprise in those portions of the Colony which have not been subject to native disturbances, are evidences of its substantial progress.

Bearing in mind the especial circumstances of this Session, and the condition of the Colony at the present moment, it is probable that the consideration of many important subjects must be deferred until another, not distant, meeting of the Assembly.

I doubt not, however, that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, your deliberations may tend to rescue the Colony from its difficulties, and to conduce to the ultimate prosperity of both races of its inhabitants.

His Excellency then retired, and Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives having withdrawn,

PRAYERS:

2. *Address in Reply.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, the Committee to consist of the Hon. Mr. Hall, the Hon. Dr. Pollen, and the Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel Kenny.

3. *Resignation of Ministers.*—The Hon. Mr. Whitaker notified to the Council, That Ministers had tendered to His Excellency the resignation of their Seats in the Executive, and that His Excellency having accepted the same, they had ceased to hold office.

4. *Statement.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell notified to the Council, That Mr. Weld, having been requested thereto by His Excellency, had succeeded in forming a Ministry, of which he (the Hon. Mr. Sewell) had accepted the office of Attorney-General and Representative of the Government in this Council.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Friday, November 25th, 1864.

Private Business:

1. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, The appointment of a Joint Committee on Private Bills, to consist of the Hon Dr. Buchanan and the Hon. Mr. Cutfield.
2. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, The appointment of a Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, to consist of the Hon. Mr. Tancred, the Hon. Mr. Whitaker, and the Hon. Mr. Stokes.
3. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, The appointment of a Committee of Selection of Private Bills, to consist of the Hon. Major Richmond, C.B., the Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee, the Hon. Mr. Crawford, the Hon. Col. Russell, and the Hon. Dr. Buchanan.

Public Business:

1. The Hon. Major RICHMOND, C.B., to move, That the Library and Printing Committee for the Session consist of the Hon. Mr. Whitaker, the Hon. Mr. Tancred, the Hon. Col. Russell, and the Hon. Mr. Swainson.
2. The Hon. Mr. CUTFIELD to move, That the following Members of this Council form a House Committee, to meet a similar Committee of the House of Representatives—the Hon. Mr. Crawford, and the Hon. Mr. Watts Russell.

Friday, the 25th day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Committee on Private Bills.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, that the Hon. Dr. Buchanan and the Hon. Mr. Cutfield be appointed Members of the Joint Committee on Private Bills.

2. *Standing*

2. *Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Tancred, the Hon. Mr. Whitaker, and the Hon. Mr. Stokes, be appointed Members of the Joint Committee of both Houses on Standing Orders relating to Private Bills.

3. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That a Committee of Selection on Private Bills be appointed for the Session, the Committee to consist of the Hon. Major Richmond, C.B., the Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee, the Hon. Mr. Crawford, the Hon. Col. Russell, and the Hon. Dr. Buchanan.

4. *Library and Printing.*—On motion of the Hon. Major Richmond, C.B., *Ordered*, That the Library and Printing Committee for the Session consist of the Hon. Mr. Whitaker, the Hon. Mr. Tancred, the Hon. Col. Russell, and the Hon. Mr. Swainson.

5. *House Accommodation.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cutfield, *Ordered*, That the House Committee, to meet a similar Committee of the House of Representatives, consist of the Hon. Mr. Crawford and the Hon. Mr. Watts Russell.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

Monday, the 28th day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table:—
(1.) Despatch from the Right Hon. Mr. Cardwell, relative to Ministerial Responsibility.
(2.) Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State, relative to proposed Fortnightly Communication *via* Suez.
(3.) Propositions submitted to His Excellency by Mr. Weld, upon his undertaking the formation of a new Ministry.
(4.) Papers relating to Acts of the Assembly, 1863.
(5.) Papers relative to a Loan of £3,000,000 sterling.
(6.) Further Papers relative to the establishment of a Panama Mail Service.
(7.) Papers relative to the removal of the Seat of Government to Cook's Straits.
(8.) Papers relative to the publication of Documents.
(9.) Further Papers relative to the same.
(10.) Memoranda and Reports relative to the Maori Prisoners.
(11.) Reports on Maori Prisoners (Medical Reports).
(12.) Papers relative to Native Policy.
(13.) Further Papers on the subject of Native Policy, Resignation of Ministers, &c.
(14.) Further Papers relative to Native Policy, Confiscation, &c.
(15.) Confiscation of Native Lands (Despatches from the Governor).
(16.) Plans, Specifications, and Instructions relative to the building of a Schoolhouse at Kohekohe, being Return to an Order of the Council of 10th November, 1863.
(17.) Copy in the original of letter from William Thompson to Archdeacon Brown, &c. (Return to an Order of 10th November, 1863.)
(18.) Return of Expenditure for Maori Prisoners, Guard, and Civil Officers, from 25th November, 1863, to 31st October, 1864.

2. *Reply to Address.*—The Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a draft reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, brought up a draft, and the same was read as followeth:—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of New Zealand, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have opened the present Session.

We unite with your Excellency in cordial thanks to Lieut.-General Sir Duncan Cameron, to Commodore Sir William Wiseman, and to the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, and of the Colonial Forces, for the important services they have rendered to the Colony; and we deeply lament that the late gallant and successful operations should have involved the loss of so many brave officers and men.

The question whether the time has arrived when the Colony may depend upon its own resources for its internal defence, is one which demands and shall receive our gravest consideration.

We will not fail to devote to the subject of the Contract entered into for the establishment of a Postal Service by way of Panama, the serious attention which its importance requires.

We earnestly trust that the measures which your Excellency proposes to take to restore order, and to secure the future peace of the country, may be crowned with success.

We assure your Excellency that this Council will heartily co-operate in the promotion of any measures that may tend to the attainment of those results; and we fervently hope, that by united and patriotic exertion, the Colony may, under the Divine Blessing, be rescued from its difficulties, and that the union and prosperity of both races may ultimately be established.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Tuesday, November 29th, 1864.

1. The Hon. Mr. HALL to ask the Hon. the Attorney-General, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for empowering Provincial Legislatures to make Laws for assessing and levying on Crown Lands held under Depasturing Licenses, Rates for the making and repairing of roads, and for other like purposes?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Major RICHMOND, C.B., to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the Session do consist of the Hon. the Speaker, the Hon. Mr. Sewell, the Hon. Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee.
2. The Hon. Mr. HALL to move, That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that a copy of the work entitled "The New Zealand Justice of the Peace," edited by His Honor Mr. Justice Johnstone, should be supplied to each Justice of the Peace for the Colony.
3. The Hon. Mr. HALL to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass laws authorising the compulsory taking of lands for works of a public nature.
4. The Hon. Mr. TANCRED to move, That any correspondence relating to Provincial Loans, in continuation of papers presented during the last Session, be laid on the Table.
5. The Hon. Mr. SWAINSON to move, That there be laid on the Table a Return of the number of sittings which have been held by the Court of Appeal under the provisions of the "Court of Appeal Act, 1862;" of the number of appeals brought before the Court at each sitting; of the number of days each of the Judges was absent from his own district in attending each sitting of the Court; and of the total cost to the Colony attending every such sitting.
6. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Coroner's Act, 1858."

   A Bill to extend certain provisions of the "Protection of Certain Animals Act, 1861."

   A Bill to amend the "Auckland Reserves Act, 1858," so far as concerns certain lands the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain.

   A Bill to validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, Esq., as Registrar of Deeds of the Province of Otago.
7. The Hon. Major WHITMORE to move, The adoption of the following Address in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech:—

[DRAFT ADDRESS.]

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We assure your Excellency that this Council will heartily co-operate in the promotion of any measures that may tend to the attainment of those results; and we fervently hope, that by united and patriotic exertion, the Colony may, under the Divine Blessing, be rescued from its difficulties, and that the union and prosperity of both races may ultimately be established.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. HALL, upon the answer of the Hon. the Attorney-General, to move, For leave to bring in a Bill for empowering Provincial Legislatures to make laws for assessing and levying on Crown Lands held under Depasturing Licenses, Rates for the making and repairing of Roads and other like purposes.

Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Standing Orders Committee.*—On motion of the Hon. Major Richmond, C.B., *Ordered*, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders of the Council consist of the Hon. the Speaker, the Hon. Mr. Sewell, the Hon. Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee.

2. *Motion Withdrawn.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hall, *Ordered*, That he have leave to withdraw his motion standing No. 2 on this day's Order Paper.

3. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Hall have leave to introduce a Bill to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass laws authorising the compulsory taking of lands for works of a public nature.

   He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

4. *Provincial*

4. *Provincial Loans.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Tancred, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table any correspondence relating to Provincial Loans, in continuation of papers presented during the last Session.

5. *Court of Appeal.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Swainson, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table a Return of the number of sittings which have been held by the Court of Appeal under the "Court of Appeal Act, 1862;" of the number of appeals brought before the Court at each sitting; of the number of days each of the Judges was absent from his own district in attending each sitting of the Court; and of the total cost to the Colony attending every such sitting.

6. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Further Papers relative to the Native Prisoners.

(2.) Return of the number of acres of Waste Lands sold or otherwise disposed of in the various Provinces up to December, 1863.

(3.) Papers relating to the Revenue derived from Pasturage Rents within the Province of Canterbury.

7. *Private Bills.*—The Hon. Mr. Tancred, from the Joint Committee of Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills have the honor to report to the Legislative Council that the Petition of Francis Dart Fenton, Parliamentary Agent, (copy of which Petition is annexed,) having been deposited in the Private Bill Office, and referred to the Committee, has been considered.

The Committee report that the Standing Orders, as prayed in the Petition, ought to be dispensed with.

Mr. Tancred is directed to report the following Resolution:—

The Committee having resolved to report to the House that the Standing Orders mentioned in the Petition of Francis Dart Fenton ought to be dispensed with,

It is resolved that, in the opinion of this Committee, it is indispensable that all Standing Orders relating to any opposition to Bills should also be dispensed with, and inasmuch as the Standing Orders above referred to comprise all those of any essential importance as regards the public and persons either promoting or opposing Bills, it is further the opinion of this Committee that all the Standing Orders in respect of Private Bills may be dispensed with during the present Session.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Petition received and read.

8. *House Accommodation.*—The Hon. Mr. Cutfield, from the House Accommodation Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to superintend the comfort and convenience of Members, having met a similar Committee of the House of Representatives, have agreed to the following arrangements, which they recommend as Resolutions to this Council for their adoption.

(1.) That the Strangers' Gallery be open to the public as heretofore.

(2.) That the front row of seats in the Strangers' Gallery be railed off as a Speaker's Gallery, to which strangers shall be introduced through the lower door of the House by Speaker's orders only.

(3.) That Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and those Officers of the Government whose presence is required by the Ministers, shall have the right to sit behind the Speaker's Chair.

(4.) That Ladies may be introduced by the order of the Speaker into the Ladies' Gallery, and into the Speaker's and Clerk's rooms, behind the Chair.

(5.) That Reporters be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery only by order of the Speaker, and that no person be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery except for the *bonâ fide* purpose of reporting for the public press.

(6.) That, except in accordance with the above regulations, no person shall be admitted into any part of the House of Representatives, except the Members, Officers, and Servants of the House.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

9. *Army and Navy.*—The Hon. the Speaker notified that he had received from Lieut.-General Sir Duncan Cameron, Commodore Sir W. Wiseman, and Major-General Galloway, letters in answer to the Vote of Thanks adopted by the Council in its last Session to them and the respective forces under their command.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That the said replies be recorded in the Journals of the Council:

Head Quarters, Camp, Ngaruawahia,
9th December, 1863.

SIR,—

I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing two Resolutions, in which the Legislative Council have been pleased to express their thanks to myself, and to the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers under my command, for our services in the recent military operations in this Colony.

I beg you will assure the Council that the troops, as well as myself, fully appreciate this gratifying expression of their approbation.

I have, &c.,
D. A. CAMERON, Lieut.-General.

The Hon. the Speaker, Legislative Council.

Gun

Gun Boat "Pioneer,"
Off Kupa Kupa, Waikato River, 24th December, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing copies of the two Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Council on that day.

I beg to return the thanks of myself, the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, for the honour conferred on us.

I have, &c.,
W. F. WISEMAN, Commodore.

Hon. T. H. Bartley,
Speaker Legislative Council, New Zealand.

Head Quarters, Local Forces,
Auckland, 28th December, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st December, received on the 21st December, transmitting to me a copy of two Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Council.

It is no small gratification to me to receive the thanks of so distinguished an Assembly for the little assistance it has been in my power to afford towards the organising of the Colonial Forces.

I shall have much pleasure in communicating the Resolutions of the Legislative Council to the troops under my command,—a compliment which I feel proud to say has been well merited by all ranks for their gallantry when in contact with the enemy, and for the cheerful and soldierlike endurance with which they have borne the privations to which they have been necessarily exposed.

I have, &c.,
T. F. GALLOWAY,
Major-General Commanding Colonial Forces.

Hon. the Speaker, Legislative Council.

10. *Coroners Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Coroners Act, 1858."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

11. *Protection of Animals.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to extend certain provisions of the "Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

12. *Auckland Reserves Act Amendment.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Auckland Reserves Act, 1858," so far as concerns certain lands, the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read a first time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

13. *Registration of Deeds Validation.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to validate certain Acts done by R. H. Forman, Esq., as Registrar of Deeds of the Province of Otago.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

14. *Address in Reply.*—On motion of the Hon. Major Whitmore, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee, *Resolved*, That the Address in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech, as prepared by the Select Committee, be adopted by the Council.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by the Hon. the Speaker, accompanied by such Members of the Council as shall see fit to do so.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 1st, 1864.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Major WHITMORE to move, For leave of absence for fourteen days for the Hon. H. R. Russell.
2. The Hon. Mr. TANCRED to move, That all correspondence relating to aid afforded to the Native School at Kaiapoi, in the Province of Canterbury, together with all correspondence relating to applications for such aid, be laid on the Table.
3. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move:—

(1.) That the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers in the management of Native Affairs has resulted in divided Councils, and in a vacillating policy, which has been productive of great evil to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, while it has entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, recognising the right of the Home Government to insist upon the maintenance of this system of double Government so long as the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops

troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, accepts the alternative, and requests the Home Government to withdraw the whole of its land force from the Colony, and to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may enable him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogatives of the Crown.

(3.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—first reading.
2. Coroners' Act Amendment Bill—first reading.
3. Protection of certain Animals Amendment Bill—first reading.
4. Auckland Reserves Amendment Bill—first reading.
5. Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Bill—first reading,

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Thursday, the 1st day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Papers relative to the sale of the Township of Ngaruawahia.

(2.) Part Return to an Order of the Legislative Council, (29th November, 1863,) for copies of correspondence relating to Provincial Loans.

(3.) Papers relating to the decrease in the quantities of resin and turpentine imported into the United Kingdom.

2. *Address in Reply.*—The Hon. the Speaker notified that in compliance with the Order of the Council, he, accompanied by several Members of this Council, had attended upon His Excellency, with the Address adopted by the Council in reply to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

I receive with satisfaction your loyal Address. I have every hope that your deliberations will promote the welfare of New Zealand, and it will be always my earnest desire to co-operate cordially with you.

Government House,
Auckland, 30th November, 1864.

3. *Reserved Bills of last Session.*—The Hon. the Speaker notified that certain Bills of the last Session which had been reserved for Her Majesty's assent, having been assented to by Her, a notification of such assent had been gazetted by His Excellency, and that in conformity with the provisions of the 59th Section of Constitution Act, a copy of such Proclamations would be entered in the Journals of this Council:

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to alter the Civil List,"

was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do by this Proclamation signify and proclaim to all to whom it may concern that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand at Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to enable Provincial Councils to make laws affecting Public Roads and Watercourses," was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it my concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas certain Bills passed by the Legislalative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to amend the Waste Lands Act of the Province of Auckland"

"An Act to amend the Regulations in force in the Province of Marlborough for the Sale and Disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the said Province," and

"An Act to repeal Clause 15 'Waste Lands Act, 1858,' Section VII., Clause 28 of the General Land Regulations for the Sale of Waste Lands in New Zealand, proclaimed 4th March, 1853, and the 'Hawke's Bay Naval and Military Settlers Act, 1861,' so far as they affect the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay"

were presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bills were reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bills have been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-ninth day of August, in the of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony

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of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to regulate the Sale, Letting, Disposal, and Occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Nelson,"

was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this fourteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
FRED. WHITAKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the Sale, Letting, Occupation, and Disposal of Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Otago"

"An Act to impose a Tax upon all Rural Lands in the Province of Otago to be sold under the 'Otago Waste Lands Act, 1863,' and to make certain provisions respecting lands heretofore sold under conditions for the improvement thereof"

were presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bills were reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bills have been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twentieth day of September, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the Sale, Letting, Occupation, and Disposal of Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Southland"

was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. Grey.

By His Excellency's command,
William Fox.

God save the Queen!

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4. *Motion Withdrawn.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Whitmore, *Ordered*, That he have leave to withdraw his motion standing No. 1 on this day's paper.

5. *Kaiapoi Native School.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Tancred, *Ordered*, That all correspondence relating to aid afforded to the Native School at Kaiapoi in the Province of Canterbury, together with all correspondence relating to applications for such aid, be laid on the Table.

6. *Motion Withdrawn.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That he have leave to withdraw his motion standing No. 3 on this day's paper.

7. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking.*—The Order of the Day being read for the first reading of the Bill to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for works of a Public nature;

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on the next sitting day.

8. *Coroners' Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the first reading of the Bill to Amend the Coroners' Act, 1858;

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on the next sitting day.

9. *Protection of Certain Animals Bill.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That the first reading of the Bill to extend certain provisions of the Protection of Certain Animals Act, 1861, do stand an Order of the Day for the next sitting day.

10. *Standing Orders.*—The Hon. Major Richmond, C.B., from the Standing Orders Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The Committee decide on recommending,

That the sitting days of the Council be altered from Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, as provided by Order No. 2, to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and that Government business take precedence on Tuesdays and Fridays.

That Standing Order No. 85 be annulled, and that the following Order be substituted in lieu thereof:—

"That a Chairman of Committees of the whole Council shall be appointed by the Council at the commencement of each Session."

That the words, "or Chairman of Committees" be inserted between the words "Speaker" and "The" in Order No. 4.

The Committee also decide upon recommending the substitution of the following, in lieu of Order No. 64:—

"That, after a Bill shall have been read a second time, the same shall be ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole Council for the consideration of it in detail, unless it be deemed expedient by the Council, on motion without notice, that it should be referred to a Select Committee, in which case a Committee for that purpose shall at once be appointed with the requisite instructions."

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

11. *Auckland Reserves Amendment.*—The Order of the Day being read for the first reading of the Bill to Amend the Auckland Reserves Act, 1858, so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain;

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on the next sitting day.

12. *Registration of Deeds Validation.*—The Order of the Day being read for the first reading of the Bill to Validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, Esquire, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago;

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on the next sitting day.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,

The Council adjourned.

Friday,

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 2nd, 1864.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to give to the Governor certain powers in disturbed districts of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Wild Birds' Protection Bill—first reading.
2. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—second reading
3. Coroners' Act Amendment Bill—second reading
4. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
5. Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Bill—second reading.

Friday, the 2nd day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Motion Postponed.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That he have leave to postpone his motion standing No. 1 on this day's paper until Monday next.

2. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the first reading of the Bill to extend certain provisions of the Protection of Certain Animals Act, 1861;

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

3. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for works of a public nature;

The Hon. Mr. Hall moved, and the Question was proposed, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 12.	*Noes*, 4.
Hon. Mr. Crawford	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Mr. Gilfillan	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Mr. Hall	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Johnston	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell.
Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee	
Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.	
Hon. Mr. Salmon	
Hon. Mr. Sewell	
Hon. Mr. Stokes	
Hon. Mr. Swainson	
Hon. Mr. Tancred	
Hon. Mr. Whitaker.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

The Hon. Mr. Hall moved, That the Clause stand as Clause 2 of the Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Sewell moved by way of amendment, That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again on the next sitting day.

And the Question being put, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 9.	*Noes*, 7.
Hon. Dr. Buchanan	Hon. Mr. Crawford
Hon. Mr. Cutfield	Hon. Mr. Gilfillan
Hon. Mr. Johnston	Hon. Mr. Hall
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.	Hon. Mr. Salmon
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell	Hon. Mr. Tancred
Hon. Mr. Sewell	Hon. Mr. Whitaker
Hon. Mr. Stokes	
Hon. Mr. Swainson.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to ask that they might have leave to sit again.

Resolved,

Resolved, That on Monday next the Council will again resolve itself into Committee upon the Bill.

4. *Coroners' Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to amend the "Coroners' Act, 1858;"

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: That the word "within" be omitted, and the word "throughout" inserted in lieu thereof. *(Hon. Mr. Swainson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: That the word "within" be omitted, and the word "throughout" inserted in lieu thereof. *(Hon. Mr. Swainson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: That the word "provision" in the tenth line be omitted, and the word "Act" inserted in lieu thereof; also, that the word "within" in the twelfth line be omitted, and the word "throughout" be inserted in lieu thereof. *(Hon. Mr. Swainson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble as amended read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on the next sitting day.

5. *Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to amend the "Auckland Reserves Act, 1858," so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: That the words "by the Governor" in the fourth line be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: That all the words after the word "lands" in the fourth line be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on the next sitting day.

6. *Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to validate certain Acts done by R. H. Forman, Esquire, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: That the word "there" in the third line be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read and negatived. *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Preamble read. Amendments proposed: That the word "Esquire" in the first line, and that the words "the said" in the sixth line, be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Swainson.)*

Amendments agreed to.

Preamble as amended read and agreed to.

Title read. Amendment proposed: That the word "Esquire" in the second line be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Swainson.)*

Amendment

Amendment agreed to.
Title as amended read and agreed to.
To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto; also, that he had been directed specially to report an amendment in the Title of the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, December 5th, 1864.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to give to the Governor certain powers in disturbed districts of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Coroners Act Amendment Bill—third reading.
2. Auckland Reserves Amendment Bill—third reading.
3. Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Bill—third reading.
4. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR AN EARLY DAY.

1. The Hon. Lieut.-Colonel KENNY to move, That in reference to the proposal to remove immediately the Seat of Government to Wellington, this Council is of opinion—
   (1.) That when the removal of the Seat of Government from Auckland to Wellington shall have been decided on by the Legislature, and shall have been carried into effect, it is expedient, in order to prevent a renewal of the discussion of that question, that the Seat of Government should remain at Wellington, so long as the Islands of New Zealand continue, as at present, under one Governor.
   (2.) That the removal of the Seat of Government to Wellington should not take place immediately, but be deferred until the existing grave questions in relation to Native Affairs, shall have been maturely considered, and a definite course of policy shall have been decided on by the Legislature, with a view to the pacification of the country, and the adjustment of present difficulties, especially as regards the Provinces of Auckland and Taranaki.

Monday, the 5th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table,
   (1.) Papers relating to the granting of Land to the Militia and Volunteers in the Province of Auckland.
   (2.) Papers respecting the imposition of charges on the Land Revenue. (Resolutions of Provincial Council of Canterbury.)
   (3.) Despatches from Governor Sir G. Grey to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State.
   (4.) Return of all Officers employed in the Native Districts in January, 1864.

2. *Motion postponed.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That he have leave to postpone his motion No. 1, on this day's paper, until To-morrow.

3. *Coroners' Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to amend the "Coroners' Act, 1858;"
   The Bill was read a third time accordingly.
   Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Coroners' Act, 1858."
   Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

4. *Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to amend the "Auckland Reserves Act, 1858," so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain;
   The Bill was read a third time accordingly.
   Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to amend the Auckland Reserves Act, 1858, so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain."
   Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

5. *Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago;

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The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

6. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill.*—The Council, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for works of a public nature.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 2, 3, and 4, read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: That all the words after the recurrence of the word "and" in the third line be omitted, with a view to substitute the following words in lieu thereof:—"Every such Bill shall be reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon." *(Hon. Mr. Hall.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read and agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Swainson moved, That the following words do stand as an additional Clause to the Bill:—

"In the interpretation of this Bill, the words 'Work or undertaking of a Public Nature' shall mean any work or undertaking for the following purposes, viz.—Roads or Streets, Bridges, Railways, Canals, Docks, Harbour Works, Improvements to Navigation, Ferries, Embankments for reclaiming land from, or for protecting land in the neighbourhood of the sea or any river, Drainage, Waterworks, Sewer."

The Hon. Mr. Hall moved, and the Question was proposed, That the following words be added to the proposed new Clause:—"Sites for Public Buildings."

And the Question being put that the words proposed to be added to the Clause be so added, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 9.	*Noes*, 7.
Hon. Mr. Crawford	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Mr. Hall	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Watts Russell	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Stokes	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell
Hon. Mr. Tancred	Hon. Mr. Sewell
Hon. Mr. Walton	Hon. Mr. Swainson.
Hon. Mr. Whitaker	
Hon. Major Whitmore.	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Tancred moved, That the Clause be omitted.

And the Question being put, That the proposed Clause as amended do stand as part of the Bill, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 7.	*Noes*, 9.
Hon. Mr. Crawford	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.	Hon. Mr. Hall
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
Hon. Mr. Sewell	Hon. Mr. Watts Russell
Hon. Mr. Swainson	Hon. Mr. Stokes
Hon. Major Whitmore.	Hon. Mr. Tancred
	Hon. Mr. Walton
	Hon. Mr. Whitaker.

So it passed in the Negative.

Preamble read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,

The Council adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, December 6th, 1864.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr SEWELL to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to give to the Governor certain powers in disturbed districts of the Colony.
2. The Hon. Mr. TANCRED to move, That this Council desires to express its thanks to His Excellency for the promptitude with which he proposes to carry out the recommendation of Commissioners appointed under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, by at once removing the Seat of Government to the place indicated by such Commissioners. That

That this Council desires to record its opinion that the proposed removal of the Seat of Government ought to be carried into effect with the least possible delay.

3. The Hon. Mr SEWELL to move,—

(1.) That the Council desires to express its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(2.) That this Council having, in its last session, accepted the decision of the Duke of Newcastle upon the subject of the responsibility of directing and controlling the Native Policy of the Colony, as imposed upon it by his Despatch No. 22, of the 26th February, 1863, which decision has been interpreted by the instructions to His Excellency the Governor, contained in Despatches No. 43, of 26th April, and No. 65, of 26th May, 1864, of the Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, expresses its confident trust that these instructions were issued to meet a temporary emergency, and may lapse the moment a normal state of things shall be restored in the Colony.

(3.) That this Council does not dispute the claim of the Imperial Government to exercise a reasonable control over policy upon which the restoration of peace must necessarily depend, whilst the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, yet it cannot shrink from the expression of its conviction, that the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers, has resulted in divided counsels, which have been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, and have entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(4.) That the resources of New Zealand have been already heavily burthened, and their development retarded by the great sacrifices that have been entailed upon the Colony by the Native Insurrection. That nevertheless the Colony is resolved to make every further possible effort to place itself in a position of self-defence against internal aggression, with a view to accept the alternative indicated by the Home Government—namely, the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces at the earliest possible period consistent with the maintenance of Imperial interests, and the safety of the Colony; thereby enabling the Imperial Government to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may permit him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs; excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

(5.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. WHITAKER to move the insertion of the following Resolutions between the above proposed Resolutions Nos. 4 and 5:—

(1.) That in the present circumstances of the Colony it is expedient, as a temporary measure, that New Zealand should be divided into two separate Colonies. That the Southern Colony should have a Constitutional Government, administered on the principle of Ministerial Responsibility. That the Northern Colony should have such a Constitution as will enable the Imperial Government to exercise such control over the management of Native Affairs as will enable Her Majesty's Government to take such measures as it may deem necessary to suppress the present Rebellion, and provide safeguards against rebellion for the future.

(2.) That when the management of Native Affairs shall cease to form a special difficulty in the government of New Zealand, the two Colonies be reunited as one Colony under a single Government, to be established in the locality which shall be most convenient to the members of the Legislature, and for the general interests of the Colony at large.

(3.) That Her Majesty's Imperial Government be most respectfully, but strongly, urged to give effect, without delay, to these Resolutions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—third reading.
2. Wild Birds' Protection Bill—second reading.

Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table,

Correspondence relating to aid afforded to the Native School at Kaiapoi, being Return to an Order of the Council of the 1st December, 1864.

2. *Motion Postponed.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Ordered*, That he have leave to postpone his motion, No. 1 on this day's paper, until Thursday next.

3. *Seat of Government.*—The Hon. Mr. Tancred moved, and the Question was proposed,

(1.) That this Council desires to express its thanks to His Excellency for the promptitude with which he proposes to carry out the recommendation of Commissioners, appointed under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, by at once removing the Seat of Government to the place indicated by such Commissioners.

(2.) That this Council desires to record its opinion that the proposed removal of the Seat of Government ought to be carried into effect with the least possible delay.

(3.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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The Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny moved, by way of Amendment,

(1.) That when the removal of the Seat of Government from Auckland to Wellington shall have been decided on by the Legislature, and shall have been carried into effect, it is expedient in order to prevent a renewal of the discussion of that question, that the Seat of Government should remain at Wellington so long as the Islands of New Zealand continue, as at present, under one Governor.

(2.) That the removal of the Seat of Government to Wellington should not take place immediately, but be deferred until the existing grave questions in relation to Native Affairs shall have been maturely considered, and a definite course of policy shall have been decided on by the Legislature, with a view to the pacification of the country, and the adjustment of present difficulties, especially as regards the Provinces of Auckland and Taranaki.

Resolved, That the said Resolutions be proposed paragraph by paragraph.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, that the first paragraph thereof be adopted, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 6.	*Noes*, 13.
Hon. Mr. Gilfillan	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny	Hon. Mr. Crawford
Hon. Dr. Pollen	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Mr. Salmon	Hon. Mr. Hall
Hon. Mr. Swainson	Hon. Mr. Johnston
Hon. Mr. Walton.	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
	Hon. Mr. Watts Russell
	Hon. Mr. Sewell
	Hon. Mr. Stokes
	Hon. Mr. Tancred
	Hon. Mr. Whitaker
	Hon. Major Whitmore.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, that the second paragraph thereof be adopted, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 8.	*Noes*, 12.
Hon. Mr. Gilfillan	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny	Hon. Mr. Crawford
Hon. Dr. Pollen	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell	Hon. Mr. Hall
Hon. Mr. Salmon	Hon. Mr. Johnston
Hon. Mr. Swainson	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
Hon. Mr. Walton	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Whitaker.	Hon. Mr. Watts Russell
	Hon. Mr. Sewell
	Hon. Mr. Stokes
	Hon. Mr. Tancred
	Hon. Major Whitmore.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the original Question,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be presented to His Excellency by the Hon. the Speaker.

4. *Imperial Colonial Policy.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell moved, and the Question was proposed,

(1.) That the Council desires to express its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(2.) That this Council having in its last Session accepted the decision of the Duke of Newcastle upon the subject of the responsibility of directing and controlling the Native Policy of the Colony, as imposed upon it by his Despatch No. 22, of the 26th February, 1863, which decision has been interpreted by the instructions to His Excellency the Governor contained in Despatches No. 43, of 26th April, and No. 65, of 26th May, 1864, of the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, expresses its confident trust that these instructions were issued to meet a temporary emergency, and may lapse the moment a normal state of things shall be restored in the Colony.

(3.) That this Council does not dispute the claim of the Imperial Government to exercise a reasonable control over policy upon which the restoration of peace must necessarily depend, whilst the Colony is receiving the aid of British Troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, yet it cannot shrink from the expression of its conviction, that the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers has resulted in divided counsels, which have been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, and have entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(4.) That the resources of New Zealand have been already heavily burthened, and their development retarded by the great sacrifices that have been entailed upon the Colony by the Native Insurrection. That, nevertheless, the Colony is resolved to make every further possible effort to place itself in a position of self-defence against internal aggression, with a view to accept the alternative indicated by the Home Government, namely, the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces at the earliest possible period consistent with the maintenance of Imperial interests, and

and the safety of the Colony; thereby enabling the Imperial Government to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may permit him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs: excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

(5.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Hon. Mr. Whitaker moved the insertion of the following Resolutions between the above proposed Resolutions Nos. 4 and 5,—

(1.) That in the present circumstances of the Colony it is expedient, as a temporary measure, that New Zealand should be divided into two separate Colonies. That the Southern Colony should have a Constitutional Government, administered on the principle of Ministerial Responsibility. That the Northern Colony should have such a Constitution as will enable the Imperial Government to exercise such control over the management of Native Affairs, as will enable Her Majesty's Government to take such measures as it may deem necessary to suppress the present Rebellion, and provide safeguards against Rebellion for the future.

(2.) That when the management of Native Affairs shall cease to form a special difficulty in the Government of New Zealand, the two Colonies be reunited as one Colony under a single Government, to be established in the locality which shall be most convenient to the Members of the Legislature, and for the general interests of the Colony at large.

(3.) That Her Majesty's Imperial Government be most respectfully, but strongly, urged to give effect, without delay, to these Resolutions.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Hon. Major Whitmore moved as an Amendment: That all the words of the original question be omitted, with a view of inserting the following in lieu thereof;—

(1.) That the Council takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval forces in New Zealand.

(2.) That this Council approves of the policy embodied in the propositions submitted by Mr. Weld to the Governor, on which His Excellency has invited an expression of opinion of both Houses of the Legislature in his Minute thereto.

(3.) That this Council, feeling full confidence in the present administration, and recognising the necessity, under the present circumstances of the Colony, of leaving the hands of the Executive as unfettered as possible, does not desire to put special emphasis upon any particular portion of a policy of which as a whole it entirely approves.

And the Question being put, that the proposed additional Resolutions be inserted in the original Question, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 9.	*Noes*, 10.
Hon. Mr. Gilfillan	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Mr. Hall	Hon. Mr. Crawford
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Dr. Pollen	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Salmon	Hon. Mr. Watts Russell
Hon. Mr. Swainson	Hon. Mr. Sewell
Hon. Mr. Walton	Hon. Mr. Stokes
Hon. Mr. Whitaker	Hon. Mr. Tancred
	Hon. Major Whitmore

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the amendment, that the words proposed to be omitted be so omitted, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 2.	*Noes*, 16.
Hon. Mr. Hall	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Mr. Watts Russell	Hon. Mr. Crawford
	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
	Hon. Mr. Gilfillan
	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny
	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell
	Hon. Mr. Salmon
	Hon. Mr. Sewell
	Hon. Mr. Stokes
	Hon. Mr. Swainson
	Hon. Mr. Tancred
	Hon. Mr. Walton
	Hon. Mr. Whitaker
	Hon. Major Whitmore

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the original Resolution,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be presented to His Excellency by the Hon. the Speaker.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,

The Council adjourned.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 8th, 1864.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to give to the Governor certain powers in disturbed Districts of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—third reading.
2. Wild Birds' Protection Bill—second reading.

Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table:—
   Fifth Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand, 1863-4, by the Postmaster-General.

2. *Private Bills.*—The Hon. Mr. Tancred moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Prayer of Francis Dart Fenton, Parliamentary Agent, for the suspension of Standing Orders regarding Private Bills, be adopted, as in the first paragraph of Report.
   And the Question being put, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 11.	*Noes*, 7.
Hon. Mr. Crawford	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Mr. Gilfillan	Hon. Mr. Cutfield
Hon. Mr. Johnston	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Hall	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell
Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee	Hon. Mr. Salmon
Hon. Dr. Pollen	Hon. Mr. Sewell
Hon. Mr. Watts Russell	Hon. Mr. Swainson
Hon. Mr. Stokes	
Hon. Mr. Tancred	
Hon. Mr. Walton	
Hon. Mr. Whitaker	

   So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
   Ordered, That Standing Order No. 107, regarding Private Bills, be suspended for the Session.

3. *Disturbed Districts Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to give to the Governor certain powers in disturbed Districts of the Colony.
   He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time to-morrow, and to be printed.

4. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for Works of a Public Nature;
   The Bill was read a third time accordingly.
   Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be "An Act to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for Works of a Public Nature."
   Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

5. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to extend certain provisions of the Protection of Certain Animals Act, 1861;
   The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.
   The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

   Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.
   Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: That the words "of two" in the fourth line be omitted, and the words "not exceeding twenty pounds" be substituted. *(Hon. Major Whitmore.)*
   Amendment agreed to.
   Clause as amended read and agreed to.
   Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: That the word "two" in the fifth line be omitted, and the word "twenty" substituted. *(Hon. Major Whitmore.)*
   Amendment agreed to.
   Clause as amended read and agreed to.
   Clause 5 read and agreed to.
   The Hon. Mr. Hall moved, That the following do stand as Clause 6 of the Bill:—
   "Section 2 of this Act shall have no force or effect except in such portions of the Colony as shall from time to time be proclaimed by the Governor to come within the operation of such section.
   Clause read and agreed to.
   Preamble read and agreed to.
   Title read and agreed to.

To Report the Bill with amendments.

On

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

6. *Messages.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire their Clerk:

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed the following Bills, to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863."

(Local and Personal.)

A Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business and issue notes in New Zealand."

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway from the City of Christchurch to the Northern Bank of the River Ashley in the said Province."

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway from the City of Christchurch to the Northern Bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province."

7. *New Zealand Settlements Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, intituled a Bill to amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

8. *Bank of Auckland Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

9. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

10. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to Incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company, called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

11. *Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to Incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company, called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business and issue Notes in New Zealand, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

12. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Ashley in the said Province, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

13. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

14. *Special Adjournment.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Resolved*, That this Council at its rising this day do adjourn until twelve (noon) to-morrow.

15. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk,

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed the following Bills, to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council:—

A Bill intituled "An Act enabling Land to be taken for Roads and other public purposes through Native and other Districts of the Colony."

(Local and Personal.)

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes."

16. *Public Works Lands Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, enabling Land to be taken for Roads and other public purposes through Native and other Districts of the Colony, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

17. *Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

18. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Resolved*, That for this day the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of Bills passing through all their stages.

19. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed a Bill intituled "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs," to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

20. *New Customs Duties Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to alter the Duties of Customs, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Council had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives as of their Bills of Supply, together with a Message acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 9th, 1864.

Private Business:

1. Bank of Auckland Bill—second reading.
2. Bank of Otago Amendment Bill—second reading.
3. Otago and Southland Investment Company Bill—second reading.
4. Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill—second reading.
5. Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Bill—second reading.

Public Business:

1. The Hon. Mr. SWAINSON to ask the Hon. the Attorney- General, When the present Session of the Assembly will probably terminate?
2. The Hon. Mr. HALL to ask the Hon. the Attorney-General, What steps the Government propose to take for the purpose of bringing the Land Registry Acts into operation throughout the Colony?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Major RICHMOND, C.B., to move, The adoption of the following Report from the Standing Orders Committee:—

[REPORT.]

The Committee decide on recommending that the sitting days of the Council be altered from Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, as provided by Order No. 2, to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and that Government business take precedence on Tuesdays and Fridays.

That Standing Order No. 85 be annulled, and that the following Order be substituted in lieu thereof:

"That a Chairman of Committee of the whole Council shall be appointed by the Council at the commencement of each Session."

That the words "or Chairman of Committees" be inserted between the words "Speaker" and "The" in Order No. 4.

The Committee also decide upon recommending the substitution of the following in lieu of Order 64:—

"That

"That after a Bill shall have been read a second time, the same shall be ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole Council for the consideration of it in detail, unless it be deemed expedient by the Council, on motion without notice, that it should be referred to a Select Committee, in which case a Committee for that purpose shall at once be appointed with the requisite instructions."

2. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, For leave to suspend all Standing Orders relating to the passing of Bills, with a view to pass through all their stages certain Bills relating to Money and Finance, to be introduced by His Excellency's Government.

   Also certain other Bills, viz.:—The New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill; Bill for taking Land for Roads; a Bill for giving power to the Governor in Disturbed Districts; Arms Continuance Bill; and Naturalization Bill.

3. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, That all Standing Orders relating to the passing either of public or private Bills be suspended throughout the Session.
4. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, That Government be at liberty so to arrange the business before the Council to-day as to give precedence on future days to Government business.
5. The Hon. Mr. SEWELL to move, That for the remainder of the Session the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of Bills passing through all their stages in one day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Disturbed Districts Bill—first reading.
2. Wild Birds' Protection Bill—third reading.
3. New Zealand Settlements Amendment Bill—second reading.
4. Public Works Lands Bill—second reading.

Friday, the 9th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. Stokes, from the Select Committee on the Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill, brought up the following Report:—

   The Committee on the Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill beg to report as follows:

   That the undertaking is one likely to be a great public advantage to the Province of Canterbury.

   The Committee have gone through the Preamble and the Clauses of the Bill, and have no alteration to suggest.

   The Committee having taken evidence as to the financial arrangements made by the promoters and as to the engineering character of the proposed work, are satisfied on these subjects.

   The Railway will cross certain highways on the level under circumstances which appear to the Committee to be free from objection.

   No Report from any Public Department has been referred to the Committee.

   According to the evidence furnished to the Committee, the land-owners in the neighbourhood of the proposed Railway are favourable to the undertaking.

   Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

2. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. Stokes, from the Select Committee on the Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill, brought up the following Report:—

   The Committee on the Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill beg to report as follows:—

   That the undertaking is one likely to be a great public advantage to the Province of Canterbury.

   The Committee have gone through the Preamble and the Clauses of the Bill, and have no alteration to suggest.

   The Committee have taken evidence as to the financial arrangements made by the promoters, and as to the engineering character of the proposed work, and are satisfied on these subjects.

   The Railway will cross certain highways on the level under circumstances which appear to the Committee free from objection.

   No report from any Public Department has been referred to the Committee.

   According to the evidence furnished to the Committee, the landowners in the neighbourhood of the proposed Railway are favourable to the undertaking.

   Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell moved, and the Question was proposed, That for the remainder of the Session the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of Public Bills passing through all their stages in one day.

   Amendment proposed: That the word "Public" be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Hall.)*

   The Hon. Mr. Whitaker moved as a second amendment the omission of all the words with a view to insert in lieu thereof:—

   For leave to suspend all Standing Orders relating to the passing of Bills with a view to pass through all their stages certain Bills relating to money and finance to be introduced by His Excellency's Government.

   Also, certain other Bills, viz.:—The New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill; Bill for taking Land for Roads; a Bill for giving power to the Governor in Disturbed Districts; Naturalization Bill; Arms Act Continuance Bill.

   And the Question being put that the said last amendment be adopted, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes,

Ayes, 8.	*Noes*, 10.
Hon. Mr. Gilfillan	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Kenny	Hon. Mr. Crawford
Hon. Dr. Pollen	Hon. Mr. Hall
Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell	Hon. Mr. Johnston
Hon. Mr. Salmon	Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee
Hon. Mr. Swainson	Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Walton	Hon. Mr. Watts Russell
Hon. Mr. Whitaker.	Hon. Mr. Sewell
	Hon. Mr. Stokes
	Hon. Major Whitmore.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the first amendment, that the word "Public" be omitted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Original Resolution as amended read and agreed to.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the Session the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of Bills passing through all their stages in one day.

4. *Bank of Auckland Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes;

The Hon. Dr. Pollen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Hon. Mr. Tancred moved, by way of amendment, That the Bill be read a second time that day six months.

And the Question being put on the amendment, that the Bill be read a second time that day six months, the Council divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 4.	*Noes*, 11.
Hon. Mr. Leslie Lee	Hon. Dr. Buchanan
Hon. Major Richmond, C.B.	Hon. Mr. Gilfillan
Hon. Mr. Tancred	Hon. Mr. Hall
Hon. Major Whitmore.	Hon. Mr. Johnston
	Hon. Dr. Pollen
	Hon. Mr. Watts Russell
	Hon. Lieut.-Col. Russell
	Hon. Mr. Salmon
	Hon. Mr. Sewell
	Hon. Mr. Stokes
	Hon. Mr. Walton.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Bill was then read a second time.

5. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

6. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

7. *Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill.*The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business and issue notes in New Zealand;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

8. *Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Water Works for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly.

9. *Resignation.*—The Hon. the Speaker notified to the Council that he had received a communication from the Government to the effect that the Hon. John Hyde Harris had tendered the resignation of his Seat in this Council, and that His Excellency had been pleased to accept the same.

10. *Motion Withdrawn.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to withdraw the motions standing in his name, Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5, on this day's paper.

11. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to extend certain provisions of the Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to extend certain provisions of the Protection of Certain Animals Act, 1861."

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

12. *New Zealand Settlements Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to alter and amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: That after the word "claimed" in the third line the following words be inserted, "or in any other case." *(Hon. Mr. Swainson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter and amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence in the amendments made thereto.

13. *Public Works Lands Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill enabling Land to be taken for Roads and other public purposes through Native and other Districts of the Colony;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4, read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: That the following words be added after the last line:—"And for the purposes of this Act the said last-mentioned Act shall continue and be deemed to be in operation, notwithstanding the period prescribed by Law for the termination thereof shall have arrived." *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: That after the word "shall" in the first line the following words be inserted, "from the date of such Order in Council." *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read and negatived.

Preamble read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act enabling Land to be taken for Roads and other Public Purposes through Native and other Districts of the Colony."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence in the amendments made thereto.

14. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed the following Bills, to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863;" and,

A Bill intituled, "An Act for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures."

15. *Rate of Interest Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

16. *Debentures Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

17. *Arms Act Continuance Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to continue the Arms Act, 1860, (Temporary).

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for first time forthwith, and to be printed.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to continue the Arms Act, 1860, (Temporary)."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

18. *Naturalization Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill for the Naturalization of certain persons in the Colony of New Zealand.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time forthwith, and to be printed.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for the Naturalization of certain persons in the Colony of New Zealand."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

19. *Debentures Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures, be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, as of their Bills of Supply, together with a Message acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

20. *Rate of Interest Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill to authorise the rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863, be now read a second time;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, as of their Bills of Supply, together with a Message acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

21. *Native Lands Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Sewell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Native Lands Act, 1862.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and ordered to be read for the first time forthwith, and to be printed.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

22. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province, be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

23. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern bank of the River Ashley in the said Province, be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Ashley in the said Province."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives, acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

24. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Letter from William Thompson to His Excellency the Governor, relative to terms of peace.

(2.) Return of Rules and Regulations made under the Gold Fields Acts.

25. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed a Bill, intituled "An Act for enabling the Governor to carry into effect a Postal Service with Great Britain by way of Panama," to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

26. *Panama Mail Service Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, for enabling the Governor to carry into effect a Postal Service with Great Britain by way of Panama, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

27. *Bank of Auckland Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill, brought up the following Report:—

I report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction.

The Committee have gone through the Clauses of the Bill, and have made no alteration therein.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

28. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill, brought up the following Report:—

I report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction; the Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made no alteration therein.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

29. *Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill, brought up the following Report:—

I report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction; the Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made no alteration therein.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

30. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Act Amendment Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill, brought up the following Report:—

I report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction; the Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made no alteration therein.

The Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863, report, That by this Bill (Clause 2) the liability of shareholders in New Zealand is proposed to be assimilated to the liability of shareholders in England under the Company's Act, 1862; that (by Clause 3) the Company is empowered to make advances on securities of land; and that (by Clause 4) the proportion of coin required to be held is to relate to the issue of notes, instead of to the quantity of coin bullion and Government securities held by the Bank.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

31. *Panama Mail Service Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill for enabling the Governor to carry into effect a Postal Service with Great Britain, by way of Panama, be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto. *Ordered*

Ordered, That the Bill now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for enabling the Governor to carry into effect a Postal Service with Great Britain by way of Panama."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives acquainting them that this Council have concurred in the said Bill.

32. *Special Adjournment.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Resolved*, That the Council at its rising this day do adjourn until two o'clock To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,
The Council adjourned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Saturday, December 10th, 1864.

Private Business:

1. Bank of Auckland Bill—third reading
2. Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill—third reading.
3. Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill—third reading.
4. Bank of Otago (Limited) Amendment Bill—third reading.

Public Business:

1. Native Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.

Saturday, the 10th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS;

1. *Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes, brought up the following Report:—

I report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee on the Bill, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made no alteration therein.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time presently.

2. *Bank of Auckland Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

3. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to Incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to Incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand."

Ordered, that a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives, acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

4. *Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to Incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business and issue notes in New Zealand;

The Bill was read a third time accordingly,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to Incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business and issue notes in New Zealand.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives, acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

5. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863;

The Hon. Mr. Walton moved, and the Question was proposed, that the Bill be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

6. *Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen moved, That the Bill to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes, be now read a third time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee for the further consideration of Clauses 20 and 28, the compulsory rating clauses; also, for the insertion of an additional clause.

7. *Papers.*—The Hon. Mr. Sewell laid upon the Table,

Letter from Wiremu Nera te Awaitaia to Hamiora Ngaropi relative to a meeting, at Raglan, of Whaingaroa, Aotea, and Kawhia chiefs.

Correspondence relative to the Mail Service of New Zealand.

8. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue the Arms Act, 1860 (Temporary), without any Amendment.

Also, the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the following Bills:—

A Bill intituled "An Act to alter and amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863."

A Bill intituled "An Act enabling Land to be taken for Roads and other public purposes through Native and other Districts of the Colony."

Also, the House of Representatives have passed the following Bill, to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council:—

A Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps."

9. *Coupons Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4, read and agreed to.

Amendment proposed: That the following stand as Clause No. 5 of the Bill:—

"Provided that the powers created by this Act shall not be exercised until the Governor in Council shall have approved of the stamps to be used for the purposes of this Act, nor until Regulations as to the manner in which the same may be used shall have been issued by the Governor in Council, nor except in conformity with such Regulations; and the Governor in Council may from time to time issue such Regulations accordingly, and may from time to time alter and rescind any such Regulations or any of them."

Clause read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had added a Clause thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

10. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858," to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

11. *Sheriffs' Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3, read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: That after the word "execution," in the third line, the following words be added, "together with Sheriff's charges and expenses." *(Hon. Mr. Hall.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Preamble

Preamble read and agreed to.
Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made an amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

12. *Native Lands Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Native Lands Act, 1862;

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read: Amendment proposed: That the words "or to remove any of the members thereof" in the 4th and 5th lines be left out after the word "Act;" also, the words "or diminished" in the 7th line be omitted; also, the words "or diminished" in the 8th line be omitted. *(Hon. Mr. Sewell.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: That the words "or to diminish," in the 11th line, be omitted.

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble as amended read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Native Lands Act, 1862."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

13. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed the following Bills without any amendments:

A Bill intituled, "An Act to validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Auckland Reserves Act, 1858, so far as concerns certain Lands the proceeds of which are thereby rendered applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain."

And a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Coroners' Act, 1858."

Also, the House of Representatives have passed a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Canterbury," to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

14. *Canterbury Waste Lands Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives, to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Canterbury, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: That in the fourth line the words "on the terms" be omitted, and the words "subject to the fees" inserted in lieu thereof; also, that the word "terms" in the fifth line be omitted, and the word "fees" substituted in lieu thereof. *(Hon. Mr. Hall.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: That the word "rent" in the first line be omitted, and the word "fees" substituted in lieu thereof. *(Hon. Mr. Hall.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Hall moved and the Question was proposed: That the following words do stand as an additional Clause to the Bill:—

"Nothing herein contained shall in any way affect the force or interfere with the operation of the Regulations for the disposal, sale, letting, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Province of Canterbury, or the rights or liabilities of any persons holding Licenses under the

the same, or any other persons, save as herein expressly provided; and every license granted under the provisions of this Act shall be subject in all respects to the said Regulations, except so far as is herein otherwise provided." *(Hon. Mr. Hall.)*

Agreed to.

Clause read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: That the word "rent" in the fourth line be omitted, and the words "License fees" substituted; also, that all the words after the word "Licenses" in the sixth line be omitted, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—"And whereas it is expedient to make further provision with respect to Lands held under such Licenses."

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble as amended read and agreed to.

Title read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On the Hon. the Speaker resuming the Chair, he reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Canterbury."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

15. *Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes, brought up the following Report:—

I report that the Committee have reconsidered this Bill, and recommend that the following proviso be added to Clause 28:

Provided also that whenever the amount receivable for dividends, interest, bonus and profit, by Shareholders in the said Company shall in any year amount to £20 per cent. on the paid up capital, the rates thereafter to be levied shall be reduced, and it shall be the duty of the Company to reduce the same so that the said total profits including dividends, interest, bonus, and other profits, shall not exceed twenty per cent. per annum on the said paid up capital.

And also that the following Clause be substituted for Clause 51 of the Bill:

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the works by this Act authorised to be made from the provisions of any general act relating to waterworks now in force, or which may hereafter pass or from any future revision and alteration under the authority of the General Assembly of the maximum rates and charges authorised by this Act.

The Committee have not thought it necessary to recommend any alteration to be made in Clause 20.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Question proposed, That the said Report be adopted.

Amendment proposed, That the said Report be referred back to the Committee for the further consideration of Clause 20.

And the Question being put on the Amendment,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report be referred back to the Committee with an instruction.

Then the Council adjourned until eight p.m.

And the Council having resumed,

The Hon. Dr. Pollen, from the Select Committee on the Bill, brought up the following Report:—

The Bill having been referred back to the Select Committee on the Bill, with directions to reconsider Clause 20, I report that the Committee have inserted the following words after the word "whatever" in the third line:—"In any case in which and for such a time as the Resident Magistrate stationed in Dunedin shall certify by writing under his hand that such supply cannot or ought not to be made; and such Resident Magistrate is hereby authorised and required to hear and determine any complaint made under this provision in a summary way."

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That the several Reports be adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the House of Representatives, together with a Message requesting their concurrence in the amendments.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,

The Council adjourned.

Monday, the 12th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Library.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Crawford, *Ordered*, That the names of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, the Hon. Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Crawford be added to the Library Committee.

2. *Message*

2. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed the following Bills with certain amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council:

A Bill intituled, "An Act to extend certain provisions of the Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861;" and,

A Bill intituled, "An Act for the Naturalization of certain Persons within the Colony of New Zealand."

3. *Naturalization Bill.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Resolved*, That the amendments of the House of Representatives in the Bill for the Naturalization of certain persons in the Colony of New Zealand, be adopted.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives, acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

4. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.*—On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Resolved*, That the amendments of the House of Representatives in the Bill to extend certain provisions of the Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861, be adopted.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives, acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

5. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have passed a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of a Reserve in the City of Auckland as a site for a Music Hall and other buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant of the same," to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

6. *Albert Hall Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the House of Representatives to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of a Reserve in the City of Auckland as a site for a Music Hall and other buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant of the same, be now read for the first time.

The Bill was read for the first time accordingly, and ordered to be read a second time forthwith.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council forthwith.

The Council accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, the Hon. the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of a Reserve in the City of Auckland as a site for a Music Hall and other buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant of the same."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the House of Representatives acquainting them that this Council hath concurred therein.

7. *Special Adjournment.*—On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell, *Resolved*, That the Council at its rising do adjourn until eleven o'clock To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Sewell,

The Council adjourned.

Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Message.*—A Message from the House of Representatives, by Francis Eastwood Campbell, Esquire, their Clerk:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the following Bills:

A Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps."

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Sheriffs Act, 1858."

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Canterbury."

A Private Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes."

Also, the House of Representatives have passed the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Native Lands Act, 1862," without any amendment.

2. *Messages.*—Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered to the Hon. the Speaker by His Excellency's Private Secretary, and the same were read by the Hon. the Speaker, all the Members of the Council being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

G. GREY,

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No. 1.*

The Bills intituled—

The New Customs Duties Act, 1864,
The Rate of Interest Act, 1864,
The Debentures Act, 1864,
The New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Public Works Lands Act, 1864,
The Coroners' Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Arms Act Continuance Act, 1864,
The Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Act, 1864,
The Panama Mail Service Act, 1864,
The Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1864,
The Naturalization Act, 1864,
The Albert Hall Act, 1864,
The Native Lands Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Sheriffs' Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Coupons Act, 1864;

(Local and Personal)

The Canterbury Great Northern Railway Act, 1864,
The Canterbury Great Southern Railway Act, 1864,
The Bank of Auckland Act, 1864,
The Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Act, 1864,
The Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Act, 1864,
The Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) Act, 1864,

as finally passed by the Honorable the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Auckland, 13th December, 1864.

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No. 2.*

The Bill intituled—

The Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864;

as finally passed by the Honorable the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, he has reserved the same for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Government House, Auckland, 13th December, 1864.

PROROGATION.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., having been announced, was conducted to a Chair of State by the Honorable the Speaker, and being seated, and having requested the Honorable the Legislative Councillors to be seated also, commanded His Excellency's Private Secretary to let the House of Representatives know "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him in this Council Chamber forthwith."

Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives having thereupon attended,

Then His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for the zeal with which you have discharged your Legislative duties during the present short Session.

The Resolutions adopted by both branches of the Legislature, relative to the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces so soon as may be consistent with Imperial interests and the safety of the Colony, shall be transmitted forthwith for Her Majesty's consideration.

I shall at the same time state that this request is made in the hope thereby to remove all necessity for interference on the part of the Imperial Government in the management of the internal affairs of the Colony after Her Majesty's forces have been withdrawn.

You have given me an express power to carry roads through the country, making just provision for the compensation of land-owners. This Act, which equally applies to both races of Her Majesty's subjects, will, I trust, if wisely administered, promote the future progress of New Zealand and the civilization of its native inhabitants.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I have to thank you for the measures which you have passed, having for their object the maintenance of the credit of the Colony by increasing the revenue and making provision for its immediate and extraordinary exigencies.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

Special circumstances have compelled me to bring the Session to a close within an unusually short period. Many important questions will, however, demand your early consideration. It is

my

my intention to convoke a Session of the Assembly at Wellington before the expiration of the current financial year.

Earnestly praying that, under Divine Providence, the measures to which you have given your sanction may conduce to the safety and welfare of the Colony, and of both races of Her Majesty's subjects therein, I now, in Her Majesty's name, do declare that this Assembly stands prorogued, and the Assembly is prorogued accordingly.

Auckland, 13th December, 1864.

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1864.					
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5th December	The Superintendent of Canterbury	For a Private Bill—"Canterbury Great Northern Railway"	1	Mr. Thomson	
5th December	Thomas L. Wallis, of the Wairoa, settler	For compensation for injuries to his Son by the Natives	1	Mr. John Williamson	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
5th December	Rhoda B. Hamlin, widow of Job Hamlin, of Papakura, settler	For compensation for her husband having been murdered by the Natives	1	Col. Haultain	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
5th December	James Walmesley, Major commanding the Colonial Defence Force	On behalf of Officers and Men of that Corps for compensation for having been discharged.	1	Mr. C. J. Taylor	Referred to Defence Force Committee 8th December. Report 9th December.
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8th December	Na Honana Te Maioha, of Orakei		1	Mr. FitzGerald	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
8th December	Natives of Taururua		3	Mr. FitzGerald	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
10th December	S. L. Clarke, of Tauranga, Bay of Plenty	For compensation for losses by the war.	1	Mr. R. Graham	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
10th December	W. M. Tizard, of Hokianga, settler	For compensation for losses by the war.	1	Col. Haultain	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
12th December	S. Vickers, of the Mauku	For compensation for losses by the war.	1	Mr. John Williamson	Referred to the Government by Resolution of the House of 10th December.
12th December	R. Gibbs, of Auckland, settler	For compensation for losses by the war in the North, in 1845.	1	Mr. John Williamson	Vide Resolution of the House of 12th December.

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2. *Standing Orders.—Joint Committee.*	Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Russell, and the Chairman of Committees.	26th November, on motion of Mr. Carleton.	Report on Petition of F. D. Fenton, 28th November, adopted 29th November.
3. *Committee of Selection.*	Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Crosbie Ward, Mr. Domett, Mr. Stafford, and the Chairman of Committees.	26th November, on motion of Mr. Carleton.	
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8. *Waste Lands Bills.* To consider all Bills that may be introduced into this House affecting the Waste Lands of the Crown, and to report generally upon the principles and provisions which they may embody, with power to call for persons and papers.	Mr. Stafford, Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Carleton, Mr. C. J. Richmond, Mr. R. Graham, Mr. Domett, Dr. Featherston. Hon. Mr. Weld, and *Mr. Thomson.*	30th November, on motion of Hon. Mr. Weld.	*Mr. Thomson* added 1st December. Canterbury Waste Lands Act referred 1st December; Report, 3rd December. Report on Southland Waste Lands Bill, 6th December. Report on Auckland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill, 7th December.
9. *Library and Printing.*	Mr. Carleton, Hon. Mr. Weld, Mr. Domett, Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert, and Mr. Mantell.	12th December, on motion of Mr. Mantell.	Report, 13th December.

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2. *Auckland Waste Lands Act*, 1858, *Amendment*	Mr. R. Graham	28th "	10th Dec.	10th Dec.	...	...	...	...	Bill withdrawn, 12th December.
3. *Militia Act Extension*	Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	29th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 10th December.*
4. *Leases and Sales of Settled Estates*	Mr. Gillies	29th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Lapsed.*
5. Canterbury Waste Lands Regulations Amendment	Mr. Thomson	29th "	10th "	10th "	10th Dec.	10th Dec.	10th Dec.	12th Dec.	Amendments by Legislative Council agreed to, 13th December. *Reserved for Her Majesty's pleasure.*
6. *Southland Waste Land Act Amendment*	Mr. Dillon Bell	30th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Second Reading negatived, 10th December.*
7. *Petty Sessions*	Mr. Carleton	30th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 10th December.*
8. New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment	Hon. Mr. Weld	30th "	6th "	6th "	6th "	6th "	6th "	9th "	Amendments by Legislative Council agreed to, 10th December.
9. *New Plymouth Land Titles Confirmation*	Mr. Brown	30th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Lapsed.*
10. *Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal*	Hon. Mr. Weld	30th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 10th December.*
11. Land for Roads and Military purposes	Hon. Major Atkinson	30th "	8th "	8th "	8th "	8th "	8th "	9th "	Amendments by Legislative Council agreed to, 10th December.
12. Panama Mail Service	Hon. Major Richardson	30th "	8th "	8th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	...	
13. *Wellington Government Offices*	Hon. Major Richardson	30th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 10th December.*
14. *New Provinces Act Limitation*	Mr. Reynolds	30th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Motion for second reading negatived, 9th December.*
15. Coupons	Mr. Carleton	1st Dec.	9th "	9th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	12th "	Amendments of Legislative Council agreed to, 10th December.
16. Sheriff's Act Amendment	Mr. Gillies	3rd "	9th "	9th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	12th "	Amendments of Legislative Council agreed to, 13th December.
17. *Masters and Servants*	Mr. C. Wilson, C.B.	3rd "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 9th December.*
18. Coroners' Act Amendment	From Leg. Council	6th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	...	
19. Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago)	From Leg. Council	6th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	...	
20. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment	From Leg. Council	6th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	...	
21. *Provincial Compulsory Land taking*	From Leg. Council	8th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 10th December.*
22. Debentures	Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	8th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	...	
23. The New Customs Duties	Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	8th "	8th "	8th "	8th "	8th "	8th "	...	
24. Wild Birds' Protection	From Leg. Council	9th "	10th "	10th "	12th "	12th "	12th "	...	
25. Naturalization	From Leg. Council	9th "	10th "	10th "	12th "	12th "	12th "	...	
26. Arms Act Continuance (temporary)	From Leg. Council	9th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	10th "	...	
27. Rate of Interest	Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	9th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	9th "	...	
28. Albert Hall	Mr. Domett	10th "	13th "	13th "	13th "	13th "	13th "	...	
29. Native Lands Act Amendment	From Leg. Council	10th "	13th "	13th "	13th "	13th "	13th "	...	

RECAPITULATION.

Public Bills initiated, 29; assented to, 16; reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, 1; withdrawn, 6; lost on second reading, 2; lapsed, 4.

V.—Schedule of Private Bills introduced into the House of Representatives, Session 1864.

SHORT TITLE.	HOW INITIATED.	FIRST READING.	SECOND READING.	REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT.	THIRD READING AND PASSING.	REMARKS.
1. Bank of Auckland	By Petition	3rd Dec.	5th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	
2. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Act* 1863 *Amendment*	By Petition	3rd Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	*Lapsed in Legislative Council.*
3. Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited)	By Petition	3rd Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	
4. Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited)	By Petition	3rd Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	
5. *Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company*	By Petition	3rd Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	...	*Thrown out on third reading, 8th December.*
6. Canterbury Great Northern Railway	By Petition	5th Dec.	6th Dec.	7th Dec.	8th Dec.	7th Dec.	
7. Canterbury Great Southern Railway	By Petition	5th Dec.	6th Dec.	7th Dec.	8th Dec.	7th Dec.	
8. Dunedin Waterworks	By Petition	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	8th Dec.	Report of Select Committee referred back 7th Dec.; Amended Report 8th Dec.; Amendments of Legislative Council adopted 13th Dec.
9. *Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment*	By Petition	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	7th Dec.	8th Dec.	...	*Lapsed.*
10. *Auckland Cemeteries*	By Petition	...	...	...	...	...	*Lapsed.* Report of Standing Orders Committee that Standing Order No. 24 has not been complied with, 7th Dec.

RECAPITULATION.

Private Bills initiated, 10; assented to, 6; lost on third reading, 1; lapsed, 3.

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VI.—SCHEDULE of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table—*relating to*

	ACCOUNTS (See Finance.)	
	Acts of Assembly.	
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to Acts of the General Assembly, Sess. 1863. [Appendix A—No. 1.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Orders in Council relative to reserved Acts of last Session [Appendix D.—No. 12.]	Presented by Command.
	CATCHPOOL, Mr. E.	
Dec. 1	Papers respecting his claim to compensation.	Presented by Command.
	Commissariat Advances.	
Dec. 3.	Despatch from the Secretary of State respecting [Appendix D—No. 5a.]	Presented by Command.
	DESPATCHES—MISCELLANEOUS.	
	Despatches from the Secretary of State to the Governor [Appendix D.—No. 5.]	Presented by Command.
	Despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State [Appendix D.—No. 6.]	Presented by Command.
	Disallowance of Provincial Bills.	
Dec. 9.	Papers relative to (in continuation of Papers presented 19th October, 1863) [Appendix A—No. 4.]	Presented by Command.
	FINANCE ACCOUNTS.	
Dec. 3.	From 30th September, 1862, to 30th September, 1863 [Appendix B—No. 1.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Financial Statement by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer in Committee of Supply, on 3rd December. [Appendix B—No. 1a.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Statement of Expenditure from 1st October, 1863, to 30th September, 1864, charged on the "Loan Appropriation Act, 1863." [Appendix B—No. 5.]	Presented by Command.
	GENERAL ASSEMBLY.	
Nov. 29.	Correspondence relative to Furniture belonging to the	Presented by Command.
	Letters from Natives requesting to be represented in the [Appendix E—No. 15.]	Laid on the Table by leave (Mr. FitzGerald.)
	Gold Fields.	
Dec. 7.	Rules and Regulations made under the Gold Fields Act, 1862 [Appendix C—No. 4.]	Presented by Command.
	IMMIGRATION.	
	Papers respecting the introduction of Immigrants into New Zealand.	Presented by Command
Dec. 9.	[Appendix D—No. 3.]	
	JOHNSTONE, CAPTAIN.	
	Papers relative to his claim for Compensation, for delay in obtaining possession	Presented by Command.
Dec. 6.	of Land at Raglan.	
	LAND REVENUE.	
	Papers respecting the Imposition of charges on the	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Papers relative to the Revenue derived from Pasturage Rents in the Province	Presented by Command.
Nov. 29.	of Canterbury. [Appendix C—No. 2.]	
	Papers relative to levying rates on lands held under depasturing licences in	Presented by Command.
	the Province of Canterbury. [Appendix C—No. 3.]	
	Loans.	
	Papers relative to the £3,000,000 Loan. [Appendix B—No. 2.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to the £1,000,000 Loan. [Appendix B—No. 2a.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, respecting Commis-	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	sariat Advances. [Appendix D—No. 5a.]	
	Statement of Expenditure from 1st October, 1863, to 30th September, 1864,	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	charged on the "Loan Appropriation Act, 1863." [Appendix B—No. 5.]	
	"Loan Appropriation Act, 1863."	
	Statement of Expenditure from 1st October, 1863, to 30th September, 1864,	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	charged on the [Appendix B—No. 5.]	Presented by Command.
	"MARINE BOARDS ACT, 1862."	
	Correspondence relative to the Maintenance of Buoys. [Appendix D—No. 8.]	Presented by Command.
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	Militia and Volunteers.	
	Papers relative to the Reduction of Militia Expenditure. [Appendix B—No. 4.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to the granting of Land to Militia and Volunteers in the	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Province of Auckland. [Appendix D—No. 14.]	
	Return of Exemptions from serving in the [Appendix D—No. 10.]	Return to an Order (Mr. John Williamson.)
Dec. 12.		
	NATIVE AFFAIRS, &c.	
	Papers relative to the Publication of Documents. [Appendix E—No 1, Part i.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Further Papers relative thereto. [Appendix E—No. 1, Part i., supplementary.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to Native Policy. [Appendix E—No. 2.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	[Appendix E—No. 2a.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	[Appendix E—No. 2c.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, dated 26th September,	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	1864, respecting Ministerial Responsibility. [Appendix D—No. 5.]	
	Despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State relative to [Appendix E—No. 5.]	Presented by Command.

Schedule of Accounts and Papers—*continued.*

Nov. 26.	Propositions submitted to the Governor by the Hon. Mr. Weld, on his undertaking to form a Ministry. [Appendix A—No. 2.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Report of H. T. Clarke, Esq., on the condition of the Ngaitahu Tribe.	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Return of Officers employed in Native Districts, in January, 1864. [Appendix E—No. 7.]	Presented by Command.
	NATIVE INSURRECTION.	
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to the [Appendix E—No. 3.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Return of Arms surrendered by Natives. [Appendix E—No. 6.]	Return to an Order (Mr. FitzGerald.)
Dec. 3.	Papers relating to the "Pai Mariri" Religion. [Appendix E—No. 8.]	Return to an Order (Mr. Fox.)
Dec. 3.	Further Papers relative to the same subject. [Appendix E—No. 8 A.]	Return to an Order (Mr. Fox.)
Dec. 12.	Return of Natives who surrendered under the Proclamation of Amnesty. [Appendix E—No. 12.]	Return to an Order (Mr. Fox.)
Dec. 7.	Letter from William Thompson to the Governor, relative to the terms of Peace. [Appendix E—No. 13.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 10.	Letter from Wiremu Te Awaitaia to Hamiora Ngaropi, relative to a Meeting of Chiefs at Raglan. [Appendix E—No. 14.]	Presented by Command.
	NATIVE LANDS.	
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to the confiscation of, [Appendix E.—No. 2B.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Return of persons in the occupation of (in continuation of Return presented 6th November, 1863.) [Appendix E.—No. 10.]	Return to an Order (Mr. Jollie.)
	Memorandum by Mr. Heaphy as to the quantity of land held by the Natives. [Appendix E.—No. 9.]	Presented by Command.
	NATIVE PRISONERS.	
Nov. 26.	Reports on [Appendix E.—No. 1.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Memorandum and Reports on [Appendix E.—No. 1., Part II.]	Presented by Command.
	Appendix to the above [Appendix E.—No. 1., Part III.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Further Papers relative to [Appendix E.—No. 1 A.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Return of Expenditure for guard, rations, &c. [Appendix E.—No. 11.]	Presented by Command.
	NGARUAWAHIA.	
Nov. 29.	Papers relative to the Sale of the Township of [Appendix E.—No. 4.]	Presented by Command.
	NGAITAHU TRIBE.	
Nov. 26.	Report of H. T. Clarke, Esq., on the condition of the	Presented by Command.
	OTAGO.	
Dec. 7.	Return of amounts received from Intestate Estates in the Province of [Appendix D.—No. 11.]	Return to an Order (Mr. Paterson.)
	PANAMA.	
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to a Mail Service viâ [Appendix D.—No. 1.]	Presented by Command.
	POSTAL.	
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to a Mail Service viâ Panama [Appendix D.—No. 1.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 8.	Fifth Report of the Postmaster-General on the Postal Service of New Zealand. [Appendix D.—No. 1 A.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 8.	Correspondence relative to the Postal Service of New Zealand [Appendix D.—No. 1 B.]	Presented by Command.
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to a bi-monthly Mail Service viâ Suez [Appendix D.—No. 7.]	Presented by Command.
	PROVINCIAL DEBTS.	
Dec. 10.	Papers relative to the apportionment of the public debt of the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay [Appendix B.—No. 6.]	Presented by Command.
	PROVINCIAL LOANS.	
Dec. 8.	Papers relative to [Appendix B.—No. 3.]	Presented by Command.
	Resolution of the Provincial Council of Canterbury respecting [Appendix B.—No. 7.]	Presented by Command.
	PUBLIC OFFICERS.	
Dec. 3.	Return of Officers employed in Native Districts in January, 1864 [Appendix E.—No. 7.]	Presented by Command.
	RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, AUCKLAND.	
Dec. 1.	Copy of letter from the, to the Hon. the Attorney-General, No. 190, dated 7th November, 1864	Return to an Order (Mr. O'Neill).
	SHIPS OF WAR.	
Dec. 7.	Further Papers relating to the loss of H.M.S. Orpheus (in continuation of papers presented on the 5th December, 1863) [Appendix D.—No. 4.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 3.	Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor respecting allowances to the Navy [Appendix D.—No. 5 B.]	Presented by Command.
Dec. 13.	Statement of receipts and expenditure of the 'Orpheus' Relief Fund [Appendix D.—No. 13.]	Presented by Command.
	STATISTICS.	
Nov. 30.	Papers relative to the decrease in the importations of turpentine and resin into the United Kingdom	Presented by Command.

Schedule of Accounts and Papers—*continued.*

	TARANAKI.	
Nov. 26.	Papers relative to the Taranaki Reinstatement Fund [Appendix A.—No. 3.]	Presented by Command.
	TELEGRAPHS.	
Dec. 13.	Report of the Telegraphic Engineer [Appendix D.—No. 1 c.]	Presented by Command.
	TRANSPORTATION.	
Dec. 1.	Papers relative to sending convicts to Western Australia (Appendix D.—No. 7.)	Presented by Command.
	WASTE LANDS.	
Nov. 29.	Return of, sold or otherwise disposed of, up to 31st December, 1863 (Appendix C.—No. 1.)	Presented by Command.
Nov. 29.	Papers respecting revenue derived from pasturage rents in Canterbury (Appendix C.—No. 2.)	Presented by Command.
Dec. 7.	Papers relative to levying rates on lands held under depasturing licences [Appendix C.—No. 3.]	Presented by Command.
	Rules and Regulations issued under the Gold Fields Act, 1862 (Appendix C.—No. 4.)	Presented by Command.
	WELLINGTON.	
Dec. 10.	Papers relative to the Apportionment of the public debt between the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay (Appendix B.—No. 6.)	Presented by Command.

PROCLAMATIONS.

A Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by virtue of an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," I do hereby summon and call together the General Assembly of New Zealand to meet, for the Despatch of Business, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of November next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, at the City of Auckland; and you and each of you, the Honourable Legislative Councillors, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Representatives, are hereby enjoined to give your attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this Eighteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. Grey.

By His Excellency's command,
William Fox.

God save the Queen!

A Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by Proclamation dated the Eighteenth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the General Assembly of New Zealand was summoned to meet for the Despatch of Business on Monday, the twenty-first day of November instant: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the same:

Now, therefore, I, Sir George Grey, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, do hereby prorogue the said General Assembly to Wednesday, the Twenty-third day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said General Assembly shall assemble for the Despatch of Business on the said Twenty-third day of November, at two o'clock, p.m., at Auckland; and the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, and the Members of the House of Representatives, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this nineteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. Grey.

By His Excellency's command,
Frederick Whitaker.

God save the Queen!

A Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honoruable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by Proclamation dated the Nineteenth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the General Assembly of New Zealand was summoned to meet for the Despatch of Business on Wednesday, the Twenty-third day of November instant: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the same:

Now

Now, therefore, I, Sir GEORGE GREY, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, do hereby prorogue the said General Assembly to Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said General Assembly shall assemble for the Despatch of Business on the said Twenty-fourth day of November, at two o'clock, p.m., at Auckland; and the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, and the Members of the House of Representatives, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this Twenty-second day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
FREDERICK WHITAKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

JOURNALS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION 1864.

Thursday, the 24th day of ~~December,~~ 1864. Nov

THE House met at Two of the Clock, in the afternoon, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 22nd day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Summons to attend His Excellency.*—A Summons to attend His Excellency by Spencer M. Medley, Esquire, His Excellency's Private Secretary:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Governor desires this Honourable House to attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency;

And being returned,

2. *Resignations.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House that, during the recess, the following seats in this House had become vacant:—

(1.) For the District of Franklin, by the death of Marmaduke George Nixon, Esquire.
(2.) For the District of Waimea, by the resignation of Alfred Saunders, Esquire.
(3.) For the Town of New Plymouth, by the resignation of Henry Hanson Turton, Esquire.

3. *Members Sworn.*—The following new members were then presented to Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Theodore Minet Haultain, Esquire, Member for Franklin;
(2.) Charles Brown, Esquire, Member for the Town of New Plymouth;

who having taken and subscribed the Oath required by Law, took their seats in the House.

4. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. John Williamson: The Petition of 27 Settlers at the Wairoa.
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. Mantell: The Petition of 69 Members of the Colonial Defence Force, stationed at Wellington.
Petition received.
(3.) By Mr. Reynolds: The Petition of 54 Scholars of the High School, Dunedin.
Petition received.

5. *Naturalization Bill.*—On motion of the Honorable Mr. Weld, a Bill for the Naturaliztion of certain persons in the Colony of New Zealand, was read for the first time *pro formâ.*

6. *Adjournment (Special).*—On motion of the Honorable Mr. Weld, *Resolved,* That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Saturday next at noon.

Then, the House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Saturday, November 26th, 1864.

1. Mr. CARLETON to move, That Mr. Ward and Mr. Domett be appointed to the Joint Committee on Private Bills.
2. Mr. CARLETON to move, That Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Russell, and the Chairman of Committees be appointed to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.
3. Mr. CARLETON to move, That Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Crosbie Ward, Mr. Domett, Mr. Stafford, and the Chairman of Committees be appointed to the Committee of Selection.

4. Mr.

4. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That a House Committee be appointed, with power to confer with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council. The Committee to consist of Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., Mr. Charles Taylor, and Mr. Stafford.
5. Mr. REYNOLDS to move, That there be laid on the Table of the House, copies of all correspondence with the Provincial Government of Otago, and of all Contracts connected with the building of the Post Office, Dunedin.
6. Mr. PATERSON to move, That there be laid on the Table a Return showing the amount realized from Intestate Estates, annually, in the Province of Otago, the amount of interest which has annually accrued, and the nature of the Deposits or Investments.
7. Mr. FOX to move, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to furnish this House with a copy of his Despatch to the Right Honorable Mr. Cardwell, No. 124—64, dated 26th August, 1864.
8. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of Dr. Hales and others be taken into consideration.

Saturday, the 26th day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petition presented.*—By Mr. John Williamson: The Petition of James Gilberd, of Auckland, builder. Petition received.

2. *Papers.*—The Honorable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency:—
(1.) Report of H. T. Clarke, Esq., on the condition of the Ngaitahu Tribe, in the Middle Island.
(2.) Return of Expenditure for Maori Prisoners, Guard, and Civil Officers, from the 25th November, 1863, to the 31st October, 1864.
(3.) Return of persons occupying Native Lands, being further Return to an Order of the House of the 28th July, 1862.
(4.) Papers relative to Native Policy.
(5.) Papers relative to Confiscation of Native Lands.
(6.) Further Papers relative to Native Policy.
(7.) Further Papers relative to Native Policy and Confiscation of Native Lands.
(8.) Memoranda and Reports relative to the Maori Prisoners.
(9.) Papers relative to the publication of Documents.
(10.) Papers relative to the removal of the Seat of Government.
(11.) Memoranda relative to the propositions submitted to His Excellency by Mr. Weld.
(12.) Further Papers relative to the Panama Postal Service.
(13.) Papers relative to the £3,000,000 Loan.
(14.) Papers relative to Acts of the Assembly.
(15.) Despatches from His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State.
(16.) Further Papers relative to the Publication of Documents.
(17.) Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, relative to Ministerial Responsibility, dated 26th Semtember, 1864.
The Honorable Major Richardson laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency:—
(18.) Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, dated 26th September, 1864, relative to the Establishment of a Bi-monthly Service *viâ* Suez.

3. *His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor, on Thursday the 26th of this instant November, in the Legislative Council Chamber, he was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the General Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The State of the Colony and the resignation of my late Responsible Advisers, have rendered it imperative upon me to call you together at an unusual season, and I have to thank you for the readiness with which you have answered that summons.

With the least possible delay, I have appointed gentlemen of both Houses of the Legislature as my Constitutional Advisers.

The thanks of the Colony are due to Lieutenant-General Sir Duncan Cameron, and Commodore Sir William Wiseman, and to the officers and men of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, and of the Colonial Forces, who, by a series of gallant and successful operations, have driven the insurgent natives from districts hitherto the head-quarters of disaffection. I very deeply regret that the accomplishment of this object has involved the loss of so many lives valuable alike to this Colony and to their country.

Steps will be taken with the least possible delay to secure the future peace of the country, by setting apart defined portions of the land of rebel natives, for the purpose of satisfying the engagements with military and other permanent settlers, and indemnifying the Colony to a reasonable extent, by the sale of portions thereof, for expenditure incurred in the suppression of the present rebellion.

Acting on my individual responsibility, I have offered certain terms of pardon to natives now in arms against Her Majesty's authority. They will be laid before you.

I regret

I regret that the Province of Taranaki and the Ngatiruanui country still remain in a state of disturbance; and it is my intention promptly and energetically to take such steps as may appear best calculated to restore order in those districts, and to place the settlement of Taranaki on a firm and secure footing.

To forward this end a Bill will be laid before you to enable the Government to acquire land for the construction of main lines of road through these districts, and others in the Northern Island.

Her Majesty having seen fit to entrust to me large and discretionary power so long as the Colony accepts the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, it will be your duty to consider whether the time has arrived when the Colony may depend upon its own resources for its internal defence, and the Governor be thereby enabled to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary matters, excepting only in such as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

In accordance with the decision of Commissioners acting under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, I propose immediately to remove the Seat of Government to Wellington.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The financial position of the Colony will require your most serious consideration. Her Majesty's Home Government has offered to guarantee One Million of the Loan authorised by your Act of last Session, but a due regard to the just rights of former creditors and to engagements entered into with the Provinces may, without detriment to any just claims preferred by the Home Government, probably prevent your acceptance of the offer; nevertheless, I entertain a confident belief that the steadily increasing wealth and revenue of this Colony will enable it to provide the means required for restoring and maintaining its prosperity.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

A Contract having been entered into by an accredited Agent of the Colony with an English Company for the establishment of a Postal Service by way of Panama, it will probably appear to you that the credit of the Colony requires that such Contract should be confirmed, subject to reasonable modifications on points of detail. The Contract will be laid before you.

It will be my duty, during the next recess, to collect such information as may afford materials for a readjustment of the Representation of the Colony.

The discovery of new Gold Fields in the Southern Island; the satisfactory prospects of the older ones; the progress of commercial, agricultural, and pastoral enterprise in those portions of the Colony which have not been subject to native disturbances, are evidences of its substantial progress.

Bearing in mind the especial circumstances of this Session, and the condition of the Colony at the present moment, it is probable that the consideration of many important subjects must be deferred until another, not distant, meeting of the Assembly.

I doubt not, however, that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, your deliberations may tend to rescue the Colony from its difficulties, and to conduce to the ultimate prosperity of both races of its inhabitants.

4. *Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Wayne moved, and the Question was proposed,

That this House do *Resolve*—That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency, to convey to him the thanks of the House for the Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of the General Assembly.

(2.) To signify to His Excellency the satisfaction with which the House has learned that His Excellency has, with the least possible delay, appointed Constitutional Advisers.

(3.) To unite with His Excellency in offering cordial thanks and acknowledgments to Lieut.-General Sir D. Cameron and Commodore Sir W. Wiseman, and to the Officers and men of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, and of the Colonial Forces, for the gallant and successful operations against the insurgent Natives, and in deeply deploring the loss of many gallant Officers and men who have fallen in the execution of their duty.

(4.) To concur with His Excellency in the great importance of securing the future peace of the country by setting apart defined portions of the land of rebel natives for the purpose of satisfying engagements with military and other permanent settlers, and indemnifying the Colony to a reasonable extent by the sale of portions of such land for expenditure incurred in the suppression of the present rebellion.

(5.) To acknowledge having received with great satisfaction His Excellency's assurance of his intention to take prompt and energetic measures towards placing the Settlement of Taranaki on a firm and secure footing, and restoring order in that Province and the Ngatiruanui district, and to agree with His Excellency that the construction of roads through these and other districts of the North Island is a most powerful and necessary means of effecting the pacification of the country.

(6.) To concur with His Excellency in believing it to be the duty of the House gravely to consider whether the time has not arrived when the Colony may depend upon its own resources for its internal defence, and the Governor be thereby enabled to be guided by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary matters, excepting only in such as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

(7.) To thank His Excellency for the promptitude with which he proposes to carry out the recommendations of Commissioners appointed under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, by at once removing the Seat of Government to Wellington.

(8.) To assure His Excellency that our most earnest attention will, as far as possible this Session, be directed to the financial position of the Colony, and that our deliberations will be influenced by a due regard to the interests of the public creditors, and to the engagements entered into with the Provinces.

(9.) To

(9.) To inform His Excellency that, subject to reasonable modifications on points of detail, it will be our duty and our object to uphold the credit of the Colony in respect to the Contract entered into by an accredited Agent of the Colony for the establishment of a Postal Service by way of Panama.

(10.) To thank His Excellency for the assurance he gives us that he will, during the recess, collect such information as may afford materials for a readjustment of the representation of the Colony.

(11.) To participate with His Excellency in a confident reliance upon the progressive development of the great resources of the Colony, arising from the continued prosperity of its agricultural, mining, pastoral, and commercial interests.

(12.) To cordially unite with His Excellency in the expression of a hope that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, our deliberations may tend to rescue the Colony from its difficulties, and to conduce to the ultimate prosperity of both races of its inhabitants.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

And a Debate arising thereupon,

The Honorable Mr. Weld moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Monday next.

And the Question being put on the adjournment, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

5. *Joint Committee of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Mr. Carleton, *Ordered*, That Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Russell, and the Chairman of Committees be appointed to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

6. *Joint Committee on Private Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Carleton, *Ordered*, That Mr. Crosbie Ward and Mr. Domett be appointed to the Joint Committee on Private Bills.

7. *Committee of Selection.*—On motion of Mr. Carleton, *Ordered*, That Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Crosbie Ward, Mr. Domett, Mr. Stafford, and the Chairman of Committees be appointed to the Committee of Selection.

8. *House Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Dillon Bell, *Ordered*, That a House Committee be appointed, with power to confer with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, the Committee to consist of Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Mantell, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Stafford.

9. *Dunedin Post Office.*—On motion of Mr. Reynolds, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table, copies of all correspondence with the Provincial Government of Otago, and of all contracts connected with the building of the Post Office, Dunedin.

10. *Intestate Estates.*—On motion of Mr. Paterson, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return, shewing the amount realised from Intestate Estates, annually, in the Province of Otago, the amount of Interest which has annually accrued, and the nature of the Deposits or Investments.

11. *Petition of Dr. Hales and others.*—Mr. John Williamson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of Dr. Hales and others be taken into consideration.

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

12. *Audit Committee.*—In pursuance of the provisions of the "Audit Act, 1858," Mr. Speaker appointed Friday, the second day of December next, for the election by ballot of the Audit Committee.

13. *Adjournment (Special).*—On motion of the Honorable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That this House will, at the rising of the House to-day, adjourn until Monday next, at Five of the Clock.

Then, the House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

Monday, November 28th, 1864.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. O'Neill to move, That there be laid on the Table of the House copy of a Letter from the Resident Magistrate of Auckland to the Attorney-General, dated November 7, 1864.
2. Mr. Gillies to move, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. E. B. Cargill for the Session.
3. Mr. Wells to move, For leave of absence to Mr. Curtis for fourteen days.
4. Mr. Carleton to move, For leave to bring in a Petty Sessions Bill.
5. Mr. R. Graham to move, For leave to bring in a Bill entituled "An Act to amend the Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1858."
6. Mr. FitzGerald to move, For leave to bring in a Bill for providing that the Superintendents of Provinces shall be appointed by the Governor, instead of by popular election.
7. Mr. Jollie to move, That there be laid on the Table of the House a copy of all Papers respecting Grants to Military or other Settlers of land between Omata and Tataraimaka, in the Province of Taranaki, under the conditions notified by the Colonial Secretary in the Government Gazette of July 6, 1863, No. 27, together with a Return of all Grants made, or undertaken to be made, pursuant thereto.
8. Mr. Fox to move, That files and translations of any copies of the "Hokioi" and "Pehoihoi" newspapers in the possession of the Government be laid on the Table of this House.
9. Mr. Reynolds to move, That the Petition of the Scholars of the High School, Dunedin, be printed, and referred to the Government, with a view to their taking such steps in connection therewith as to them may seem advisable.

10. Mr.

10. Mr. REYNOLDS to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the New Provinces Acts.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned Debate on the Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

Monday, the 28th day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Messages.*—Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered to Mr. Speaker by Spencer M. Medley, Esquire, His Excellency's Private Secretary, and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No.* 1.

In compliance with the 65th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the House of Representatives a statement of expenditure on account of the Civil List Fund for the financial year ended 30th June, 1864.

Government House, Auckland, 28th November, 1864.

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No.* 2.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Ordinary Revenue for the financial year 1862-3.

Government House, Auckland, 28th November, 1864.

2. *Paper.*—The Honorable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

Further Papers relative to the Native Prisoners.

3. *Resident Magistrate, Auckland.*—On motion of Mr. O'Neill, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table of the House a copy of a letter, No. 190, from the Resident Magistrate of Auckland, to the Attorney-General, dated November 7th, 1864.

4. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Gillies, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Cargill for the Session.

On motion of Mr. Wells, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Curtis for fourteen days.

5. *Auckland Waste Lands Act* 1858 *Amendment Bill.*—*Ordered*, That Mr. R. Graham have leave to bring in a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1858."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

6. *Petty Sessions Bill.*—Mr. Carleton moved and the Question was proposed, That he have leave to bring in a Petty Sessions Bill.

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

7. *Grants of Land to Military Settlers.*—On motion of Mr. Jollie, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table of the House a copy of all papers respecting Grants to Military or other Settlers, of land between Omata and Tataraimaka, in the Province of Taranaki, under the conditions notified by the Colonial Secretary in the *Government Gazette*, July 6th, 1863, No. 27, together with a Return of all Grants made or undertaken to be made pursuant thereto.

8. *Maori Newspapers.*—On motion of Mr. Fox, *Ordered*, That files and translations of any copies of the *Hokioi* and *Pehoihoi* newspapers, in the possession of the Government, be laid on the Table of this House.

9. *Dunedin High School.*—On motion of Mr. Reynolds, *Ordered*, That the Petition of the Scholars of the High School, Dunedin, be printed and referred to the Government, with a view to their taking such steps in connection therewith as to them may seem advisable.

10. *House Committee.*—Mr. Dillon Bell from the House Committee, brought up a report, and the same was read as followeth:—

(1.) That the Strangers' Gallery be open to the public as heretofore.

(2.) That the front row of seats in the Strangers' Gallery be railed off as a Speaker's Gallery, to which strangers shall be introduced through the lower door of the House by Speaker's orders only.

(3.) That Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and those Officers of the Government whose presence is required by the Ministers, shall have the right to sit behind the Speaker's Chair.

(4.) That Ladies may be introduced by the order of the Speaker into the Ladies' Gallery, and into the Speaker's and Clerk's rooms, behind the Chair.

(5.) That Reporters be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery only by order of the Speaker, and that no person be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery except for the *bonâ fide* purpose of reporting for the public press.

(6.) That except in accordance with the above regulations no person shall be admitted into any part of the House of Representatives, except the Members, officers, and servants of the House.

(7.) That

(7.) That the Chairman report the preceding Regulations to the House, and that the Hon. Mr. Cutfield report the same to the Legislative Council, and that the Chairman move in the House that the necesary steps be taken to carry the same into effect.

11. *Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills have the honor to report to the House of Representatives that the Petition of F. D. Fenton, Parliamentary Agent, (copy of which Petition is annexed), having been deposited in the Private Bill Office and referred to the Committee, has been considered.

(1.) The Committee report that the Standing Orders, as prayed in the Petition, ought to be dispensed with. The Chairman of Committees is directed also to report the following Resolution:

The Committee having resolved to report to the House that the Standing Orders mentioned in the Petition of F. D. Fenton ought to be dispensed with,

(2.) It is resolved that, in the opinion of this Committee, it is indispensable that all Standing Orders relating to any opposition to Bills should also be dispensed with, and inasmuch as the Standing Orders above referred to, comprise all those of any essential importance as regards the public and persons either promoting or opposing Bills, it is further the opinion of this Committee that all the Standing Orders in respect of Private Bills may be dispensed with during the present Session.

12. *Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Wayne, Mr. Walker, the Honourable Major Richardson, the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, and the Honourable Major Atkinson, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of the Legislature in conformity with the said Resolution, the Committee to retire immediately.

The Honourable Major Richardson reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read as followeth:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

(1.) We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank your Excellency for the speech with which you have opened this Session.

(2.) We have learned with satisfaction that you have with the least possible delay appointed Constitutional Advisers.

(3.) We express the feeling of the Colony in uniting with your Excellency in cordial thanks and acknowledgments to General Sir Duncan Cameron, and Commodore Sir William Wiseman, and to the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, and of the Colonial Forces, for their gallant and successful operations against the insurgent Natives, and in deeply deploring the loss of many gallant Officers and Men, who have fallen in the execution of their duty.

(4.) We beg to concur with your Excellency in the great importance of securing the future peace of the country by setting apart defined portions of the land of rebel natives for the purpose of satisfying engagements with military and other permanent settlers, and indemnifying the Colony to a reasonable extent by the sale of portions of such land for expenditure incurred in the suppression of the present rebellion.

(5.) We have received your Excellency's assurance of your intention to take prompt and energetic measures towards placing the settlement of Taranaki on a firm and secure footing, and restoring order in that Province, and the Ngatiruanui district; and we recognise the construction of roads through these and other districts of the Northern Island as a most powerful and necessary means of effecting the pacification of the country.

(6.) We concur with your Excellency in believing it to be our duty, gravely to consider whether the time has arrived when the Colony may depend on its own resources for its internal defence, and the Governor be thereby enabled to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers on Native as well as ordinary matters, excepting only in such as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

Paragraph Seven read.

(7.) We thank your Excellency for the promptitude with which you propose to carry out the recommendation of Commissioners appointed under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, by at once removing the Seat of Government to Wellington.

Mr. John Williamson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "We," in the first line, with a view to insert the following: "beg that your Excellency will not take any action upon the report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire as to the most eligible place in Cook's Straits for the Seat of Government, until provision has first been made for constituting the Province of Auckland into a separate Colony, to be ruled by a Governor to be appointed by Her Majesty, and a Legislature to be chosen by the inhabitants thereof," in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put—that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Vogel moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned;

And

And the Question being put on the said adjournment, it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

Then the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 29.	*Noes*, 17.
Hon. Major Atkinson	Mr. Brodie
Mr. Dillon Bell	Mr. Butler
Mr. Brandon	Mr. Carleton
Mr. Brown	Mr. Colenso
Mr. Cox	Mr. G. Graham
Mr. Domett	Mr. R. Graham
Mr. Eyes	Mr. Mason
Dr. Featherston	Mr. Munro
Mr. FitzGerald	Mr. O'Neill
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	Mr. O'Rorke
Mr. Jollie	Mr. Russell
Mr. Mantell	Mr. Stafford
Mr. Paterson	Mr. C. J. Taylor
Mr. Reynolds	Mr. James Williamson
Mr. Rhodes	Mr. John Williamson
Hon. Major Richardson	Mr. Wood
Mr. A. J. Richmond	Colonel Haultain (Teller).
Mr. J. C. Richmond	
Mr. Waring Taylor	
Mr. Thomson	
Mr. Vogel	
Mr. Walker	
Mr. Crosbie Ward	
Mr. Wayne	
Hon. Mr. Weld	
Mr. Wells	
Mr. Wilkin	
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.	
Mr. Fox (Teller).	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That "We thank your Excellency for the promptitude with which you propose to carry out the recommendation of Commissioners, appointed under Resolutions of both Houses of the Legislature, by at once removing the Seat of Government to Wellington."

Paragraph 8 read and agreed to.

(8.) Our most earnest attention will, as far as possible this Session, be directed to the financial position of this Colony, and our deliberations will be influenced by a due regard to the interests of the Public Creditors, and to the engagements entered into with the Provinces.

Paragraph 9 read.

We beg to inform your Excellency that, subject to reasonable modifications on points of detail, it will be our duty and our object to uphold the credit of the Colony in respect to the Contract entered into by an accredited agent of the Colony with an English Company for the establishment of a Postal Service by way of Panama.

Mr. J. C. Richmond moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "that" in the first line, with a view to insert the following:—"We will give our most careful consideration to the negotiations which have been entered into for the performance of a Mail Service with Great Britain *via* Panama."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, (9.) That "We be beg to inform your Excellency that we will give our most careful consideration to the negotiations which have been entered into for the performance of a Mail Service with Great Britain *via* Panama."

Clauses 10, 11, and 12, read and agreed to.

(10.) We thank your Excellency for the assurance you give us that you will, during the recess, collect such information as may afford materials for a re-adjustment of the Representation of the Colony.

(11.) We participate in your Excellency's confident reliance upon the progressive development of the great resources of the Colony, arising from the continued prosperity of its agricultural, mining, pastoral, and commercial interests.

(12.) We cordially unite with your Excellency in the expression of a hope that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, our deliberations may tend to rescue the Colony from its difficulties, and to conduce to the ultimate prosperity of both races of its inhabitants.

And the Address, as amended, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the mover and seconder of the Address, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Tuesday, November 29th, 1864.

1. Mr. FitzGerald to ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government is in the possession of any further information respecting the reasons which induced the Government and Ministers to abstain from opening negotiations after the battle of Rangiriri; and especially what steps (if any) were taken to publish the Governor's letter, of the 16th December, amongst the Natives.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the "Militia Act, 1860," in reference to Officers of the Civil Service.
2. Mr. John Williamson to move, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report on Private Grievances. Committee to consist of Mr. Jollie, the Honourable Major Atkinson, Mr. Colenso, Mr. Renall, Mr. O'Rorke, and Captain Baldwin.
3. Mr. Dillon Bell to move, The following Resolutions, brought up from the Joint House Committee; that is to say—

   (1.) That the Strangers' Gallery be open to the public as heretofore.

   (2.) That the front row of seats in the Stranger's Gallery be railed off as a Speaker's Gallery, to which strangers shall be introduced through the lower door of the House, by Speaker's orders only.

   (3.) That Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and those Officers of the Government whose presence is required by the Ministers, shall have the right to sit behind the Speaker's chair.

   (4.) That Ladies may be introduced by the order of the Speaker into the Ladies' Gallery, and into the Speaker's and Clerk's rooms, behind the chair.

   (5.) That Reporters be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery only by order of the Speaker, and that no person be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery except for the *bona fide* purpose of reporting for the public press.

   (6.) That except in accordance with the above regulations no person shall be admitted into any part of the House of Representatives except the Members, officers, and servants of the House.
4. Mr. Gillies to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates.
5. Mr. O'Neill to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Auckland Reserves Act, 1858."
6. Mr. Thomson to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Waste Lands Regulations" of the Province of Canterbury.
7. Mr. FitzGerald to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report to this House on the present financial condition of the Colony; and that such Committee shall consist of Mr. Carleton, Dr. Featherston, Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. Crosbie Ward, and Mr. Dillon Bell. The Committee to have the power to examine on oath, and to call for persons and papers.
8. Mr. FitzGerald to move, For a Return of all Arms which have been surrendered by the Natives, from the commencement of the war to the present time; stating the description of such Arms, and the state in which they were when given up.
9. Mr. FitzGerald to move, For leave to bring in a Bill for providing that the Superintendents of Provinces shall be appointed by the Governor instead of by popular election.
10. Mr. R. Graham to move, That "The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1858," be referred to a Committee, to consist of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Carleton, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Munro, Mr. Brown, and Mr. J. C. Richmond.
11. Mr. J. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., to move, That the letter of Mr. Graham, alluded to in the Despatch from the Right Honourable E. Cardwell to His Excellency Sir G. Grey, K.C.B., under date 26th September last, not having been printed with the Despatch in question, a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to furnish this House with a copy of the same.
12. Mr. Carleton to move, That resolution No. 1, contained in the report brought up on the 28th November, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, be confirmed by the House.
13. Mr. Dillon Bell to move, That the resolution of the Joint Standing Orders Committee on Private Bills No. 2, reported by the Chairman of the Joint Committee, be also confirmed by the House.
14. Mr. Fox to move, That the following papers be laid on the Table of this House:—

   (1.) All papers, letters, and reports relating to or illustrating the new superstition called "Pai Mariri," or "Hau Hau" religion, including the papers relating to the mutilation of Captain Lloyd, and the recovering of his head; and any letters from William Thompson, Waharoa, or other persons, from which it may be gathered that that chief has adopted that superstition, or held himself out as having done so.

   (2.) A return of the number of all persons of the Native race who have been reported by the military authorities as killed and wounded during the present revolt, showing the occasions and places where they fell; also of all soldiers and sailors in Her Majesty's Service and in the Colonial Forces who may have so fallen.

Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 1864.

Prayers:

1. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. Brandon: The Petition of H. W. Loudon and Charles London, of Pahautanui, in the Province of Wellington, storekeepers.

   Petition received.

(2.) By

(2.) By Mr. John Williamson: The Petition of Eliza Meredith, of Wanganui, in the Province of Wellington, widow.
Petition received.
(3.) By Mr. J. C. Richmond: The Petition of John Waring Saxton, of Waimea, in the Province of Nelson.
Petition received.
(4.) By Colonel Haultain: The Petition of 31 Settlers in the Papakura District.
Petition received.
(5.) The Petition of 12 Settlers in the Pukekohe and Karaka Districts.
Petition received.
(6.) By Mr. R. Graham: The Petition of 31 Settlers in the Waiuku District.
Petition received.

2. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—
(1.) Papers relative to the levying Rates on Lands held under Depasturing Licenses in the Province of Canterbury.
(2.) Papers relative to the Revenue derived from Pasturage Rents within the Province of Canterbury.
(3.) Return of the number of acres of Waste Lands sold, or otherwise disposed of, in the various Provinces, up to December, 1863.
Ordered, That the said Papers be printed for the use of Members of this House.
(4.) Correspondence relative to Furniture belonging to the General Assembly.
The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,
(5.) Papers relative to the sale of the Township of Ngaruawahia.

3. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker reported that, in compliance with the Order of the House, he, accompanied by many Members of this House, had attended upon His Excellency with the Address adopted by the House in reply to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

Mr. Speaker,—
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,—
I receive with satisfaction your loyal Address. I have every hope that your deliberations will promote the welfare of New Zealand, and it will always be my earnest desire to co-operate cordially with you.
Government House, Auckland, 29th November, 1864.

4. *Militia Act Extension Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the "Militia Act, 1860," in reference to Officers of the Civil Service.
He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow, and to be printed.

5. *The Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Gillies have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates.
He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be printed.

6. *Canterbury Waste Lands Regulations Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Thomson have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Waste Lands Regulations of the Province of Canterbury.
He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be printed.

7. *Financial Condition of the Colony.*—Mr. FitzGerald moved, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report to this House on the present financial condition of the Colony; and that such Committee consist of Mr. Carleton, Dr. Featherston, Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. Crosbie Ward, and Mr. Dillon Bell—the Committee to have the power to examine on oath, and to call for persons and papers.
A Debate arose thereupon.
The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

8. *Arms Surrendered by Natives.*—On motion of Mr. FitzGerald, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table, a Return of all arms which have been surrendered by the Natives from the commencement of the war to the present time; stating the description of such arms, the state in which they were when given up, the dates when they were given up, and also the tribes by which they were surrendered.

9. *Standing Orders on Private Bills.*—On motion of Mr. Carleton, *Resolved*, That Resolution No. 1, contained in the Report brought up on the 28th November from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, be confirmed by the House.

10. *Native Insurrection.*—On motion of Mr. Fox, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table of this House:—

(1.) All

(1.) All Papers, Letters, and Reports relating to or illustrating the new superstition called "Pai Mariri" or "Hau Hau" religion, including the papers relating to the mutilation of Captain Lloyd, and the recovery of his head; and any letters from William Thompson, Waharoa, or other persons, from which it may be gathered that that Chief has adopted that superstition, or held himself out as having done so.

(2.) A Return of the number of all persons of the Native Race who have been reported by the Military Authorities as killed and wounded during the present revolt, showing the occasions and places where they fell; also, of all soldiers and sailors in Her Majesty's service, and in the Colonial Forces, who may have so fallen.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, November 30th, 1864.

1. Colonel HAULTAIN to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government intend to take any steps during the present session to ascertain and relieve the losses that have been sustained by out-settlers of the Auckland District in consequence of the breaking out of the war.
2. Mr. FITZGERALD to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government is in the possession of any further information respecting the reasons which induced the Government and Ministers to abstain from opening negotiations after the battle at Rangiriri; and especially what steps (if any) were taken to publish the Governor's letter of the 16th December amongst the Natives.
3. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, If it be so (as reported to have been stated by the Chairman of the City of Auckland Board of Commissioners, when presiding at that Board), that an offer of a place in the new Ministry was made to an Auckland gentleman, but that he declined to accept any position in the Ministry, unless they were prepared to abandon the proposal for the removal of the Seat of Government to Wellington.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Southland Waste Lands Act, 1863."
2. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move—

(1.) That the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers in the management of Native affairs has resulted in divided councils and in a vacillating policy, which has been productive of great evil to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, while it has entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, recognizing the right of the Home Government to insist upon the maintenance of this system of double Government so long as the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, accepts the alternative, and requests the Home Government to withdraw the whole of its land force from the Colony, and to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may enable him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogatives of the Crown.

(3.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the mother country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. VOGEL to move, as an amendment to the Honourable Mr. WELD's first two Resolutions, the following:—

Resolved, That in the emergency in which the Colony is placed, the House should not, by a too strict construction of the principles of Responsible Government, interpose obstacles which are calculated to prevent a Ministry in which it has full confidence, co-operating with His Excellency the Governor in giving effect to the instructions he receives as the Representative of Her Majesty. That in making this temporary concession, the House does not undervalue or renounce the privileges of Constitutional Government which the Colony enjoys, but thinks that the assistance which Great Britain has rendered to the Colony during the present war entitles Her to a voice in the questions that arise out of it, and especially to those relating to the exercise of clemency and the disposal of forfeited lands.

This House further desires to express its cordial acceptance of the opinions laid down in the following passage from a Despatch of His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 26th August, viz.:—"I think that all must see that these instructions, which have been issued to meet a temporary emergency, would lapse the moment a normal state of things was restored in the Colony, and that they were suited to meet the exigencies of the present moment, and to provide for the restoration of peace to the country. I think that no doubt should be entertained of the good sense and good feelings of the inhabitants of New Zealand; that you should feel satisfied that you will be supported by a large majority in this country in doing that which is right; and that when, after full consideration, you have determined that a certain line of conduct is that which justice to Great Britain and to both races in this Colony requires to be pursued, you may direct that it should be carried out in the full confidence that the Governor here will, when the facts become known, have ample support in giving effect to your instructions."

3. Mr. REYNOLDS to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the New Provinces Acts.

4. Mr.

4. Mr. CARLETON to move, For leave to bring in a Petty Sessions Bill.
5. Mr. C. BROWN to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the titles to certain lands in the Town of New Plymouth given in exchange for other lands.
6. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to make certain modifications in the "New Zealand Settlements Act."
7. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Suppression of Rebellion Act."
8. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on Private Grievances, with power to call for persons and papers. Committee to consist of Mr. Jollie, Mr. O'Rorke, Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. Brandon, and Mr. Ormond.
9. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, That a Committee be appointed to consider all Bills that may be introduced into this House affecting the Waste Lands of the Crown, and to report generally upon the provisions and principles which they may embody. Such Committee to consist of Mr. Stafford, Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Carleton, Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. R. Graham, Mr. Domett, and Dr. Featherston.
10. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, That the papers relating to the disposal of furniture belonging to the General Assembly be referred to the House Committee, with instructions to report thereon.
11. The Honourable Major ATKINSON to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Governor to take Land for Roads and Military purposes.
12. The Honourable Major RICHARDSON to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to arrange for carrying out a Mail Service between Great Baitain and New Zealand *via* Panama.
13. The Honourable Major RICHARDSON to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the purchase of Land at Wellington for Government House and Offices, &c.
14. Mr. REYNOLDS to move, For leave to introduce a Bill to suspend the operation of the "New Provinces Act" until the end of the next Session of the Assembly.
15. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That all papers relative to the overtures which, in the Ministerial Minute of 30th August last, E.—No. 2, p. 87, are stated to have been made by the Native Minister of Mr. Domett's Government to his Colleagues, on the subject of placing Mr. Gorst in the Legislative Council, be laid on the Table.
16. Mr. J. C. RICHMOND to move, That the Petition of John Waring Saxton be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
17. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of all persons who have been enrolled in the Colonial Defence Force, with the date of their appointment, their rank in the service, the rate of pay, and the Province to which they were attached; together with a separate Return of all officers and men belonging to such Force who have been discharged or dismissed from the service, the dates of such discharge or dismissal, and the previous notice given in each case.
18. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of James Gilberd, builder, be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances; also, That the Petition of Eliza Meredith be referred to the said Committee.
19. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid on the table of the House a copy of the Regulations (if any) made by the Governor in Council, under which certain Town Lands at Ngaruawahia were recently sold; also, an Account shewing the present condition of the Land Purchase Fund of the Province of Auckland, and a Return shewing the locality and extent of the Purchases of Native Land, effected since the 1st January, 1864, together with a detail of the items of expenditure charged upon the Fund.
20. The Honourable Major RICHARDSON to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Otago.
21. Mr. BRANDON to move, That the Petition of Henry William London and Charles London be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
22. Mr. GILLIES to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Sheriffs Act, 1858."
23. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of the House a Return of the names of all persons belonging to the Auckland Militia and Volunteers who were exempted from service on payment of £10; by whose authority such exemptions were granted, and the grounds for exemption in each case; also, showing the names of all persons who were exempted by virtue of medical certificates.
24. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of the House a Return of all contracts or agreements made between the Government and such persons who have furnished supplies and performed work for the Government in the Waikato, Tauranga, Raglan, or other districts in the Province of Auckland, during the period from the 1st October, 1862, to the 31st October, 1864; by whose authority the contracts were made; the names of the persons who furnished such supplies, or performed such work; and showing whether or not such contracts or agreements were entered into after public tenders had been invited, or by private arrangements only; showing also the amounts of money paid out of the Public Treasury on each transaction, and the liabilities (if any) still outstanding.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of His Excellency's Speech.
2. Militia Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, the 30th day of November, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. G. Graham: The Petition of 31 Settlers in the Drury, Hunua, Rama Rama, and Great South Road Districts.
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. Ormond: The Petition of 34 Members of the Colonial Defence Force, stationed at Napier.
Petition received.
(3.) By Colonel Haultain: The Petition of Donald McCaskill.
Petition received.
(4.) By Mr. C. Brown: The Petition of Sergeant John Johnson, of the Taranaki Militia.
Petition received.

2. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,
Papers relating to the decrease in the quantities of Resin and Turpentine imported into the United Kingdom.

3. *Vote of Thanks to the Army, Navy, and Colonial Forces.*—Mr. Speaker intimated to the House that, during the recess, he had received the following replies from Lieut.-General Sir Duncan Cameron, K.C.B., Commodore Sir William Wiseman, Bart., C.B., and Major-General Galloway, acknowledging the receipt of the Votes of Thanks passed by this House last Session.
And the said letters having been read, *Ordered*, That they be recorded on the Journals of this House:—

Head Quarters, Camp, Ngaruawahia,
9th December, 1863.

SIR,—
I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 15th instant, in which you enclosed a copy of certain Resolutions adopted by the House of Representatives on the 1st instant, expressing the approbation of the House of my conduct, and that of the Officers, and Non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers under my command, in the military operations in which they have been engaged, and especially at the assault and taking of Rangiriri.
Agreeably to the request of the House, I have communicated to the troops under my command this honorable testimony of the high sense entertained of their services; and I request you will have the goodness to convey to the House my thanks for the honor they have conferred upon them, as well as upon myself.

I have, &c.,
D. A. CAMERON, Lieut.-General.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gunboat "Pioneer,"
Off Kupa Kupa, Waikato River, 24th December, 1863.

SIR,—
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing the copy of a Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 1st December.
I beg to return the thanks of myself, the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, for the honor conferred on us.

I have, &c.,
W. F. WISEMAN, Commodore.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Head Quarters, Local Forces,
Auckland, 15th December, 1863.

SIR,—
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, transmitting to me a copy of a Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 1st December instant.
It is no small gratification to me to receive the thanks of so distinguished an Assembly for the little assistance it has been in my power to afford towards the organising of the Colonial Forces.
I shall have much pleasure in communicating the eulogium of the House of Representatives to the troops under my command,—an eulogium which, I feel proud to say, has been well merited by all ranks for their gallantry when in contact with the enemy, and for the cheerful and soldierlike endurance with which they have borne the privations to which they have been necessarily exposed.

I have, &c.,
T. F. GALLOWAY,
Major-General Commanding Colonial Forces.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

4. *Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Dillon Bell have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Southland Waste Lands Act, 1863."
He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

5. *Petty Sessions Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Carleton have leave to bring in a Petty Sessions Bill.
He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow, and to be printed.

6. *New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Weld have leave to bring in a Bill to make certain modifications in the New Zealand Settlements Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

7. *New Plymouth Land Titles Confirmation Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Brown have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the Titles to certain Lands in the Town of New Plymouth given in exchange for other Lands.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be printed.

8. *Private Grievance Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on Private Grievances, with power to call for persons and papers. Committee to consist of Mr. Jollie, Mr. O'Rorke, Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. Brandon, and Mr. Ormond.

9. *Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Weld have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Suppression of Rebellion Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

10. *Waste Lands Bills.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to consider all Bills that may be introduced into this House affecting the Waste Lands of the Crown, and to report generally upon the provisions and principles which they may embody, with power to call for persons and papers. Committee to consist of Mr. Stafford, Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Carleton, Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. R. Graham, Mr. Domett, and Dr. Featherston.

11. *General Assembly Furniture.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That the Papers relating to the disposal of Furniture belonging to the General Assembly, be referred to the House Committee, with instructions to report thereon.

12. *Land for Roads and Military Purposes Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Major Atkinson have leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor to take Land for Roads and Military purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

13. *Panama Route Postal Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Major Richardson have leave to bring in a Bill to arrange for carrying out a Mail Service between Great Britain and New Zealand, *via* Panama.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next, and to be printed.

14. *Wellington Government Offices Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Major Richardson have leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the acquisition of Land at Wellington for Government House and Offices, &c.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

15. *New Provinces Act Limitation Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Reynolds have leave to introduce a Bill to limit the operation of the New Provinces Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

16. *Native Affairs.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld moved, and the Question was proposed,

(1.) That the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers in the management of Native affairs has resulted in divided Councils, and in a vacillating policy, which has been productive of great evil to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, while it has entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, recognizing the right of the Home Government to insist upon the maintenance of this system of double Government so long as the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, accepts the alternative, and requests the Home Government to withdraw the whole of its land force from the Colony, and to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may enable him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers, in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogatives of the Crown.

(3.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

A Debate arose thereupon.

It being Eight of the Clock, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

17. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech; that portion

portion of the Speech especially addressed to the House of Representatives, was again read by Mr. Speaker.

The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert moved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That on Friday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee to consider that Motion.

18. *Militia Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Militia Acts Amendment Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

19. *Native Affairs.*—On motion of the Honourable Major Richardson, the Debate superseded by the Orders of the Day was resumed.

Mr. J. C. Richmond moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Reynolds moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Tuesday next" with a view to insert "Friday next" in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put that the words proposed to be omitted be so omitted, it passed in the Affirmative.

Then the Question being put that the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Major Richardson,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 1st, 1864.

1. Mr. CRACROFT WILSON, C.B., to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary—
   (1.) What is the present position of the prisoners who absconded from the Island of Kawau on or about the 9th September last, as regards arms and the obtaining supplies?
   (2.) Whether the report now prevalent in Auckland, that some of them have been sheltered by a portion of one of the Kaipara tribes, is correct or not?
   (3.) Why, as soon as it was known that the prisoners had absconded, they were not followed up at once, and re-arrested?
   (4.) Whether the present Government is prepared to treat the prisoners in question as they would undoubtedly treat persons of European descent similarly circumstanced?
2. Mr. COLENSO to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether the Government will be able, during the present "short Session," to introduce any measure calculated to benefit the Colony through the operations of the various Acclimatisation Societies? And if not, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the same during the approaching recess?
3. Mr. BRODIE to ask, Whether there is any probability that the promise made by the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer during last Session, in reference to a revision of the Tariff, will be carried into effect; and if not, is it the intention of the Government to give this subject their consideration during the recess, and prepare a Bill for the amendment of the "Customs Act, 1858."

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. O'RORKE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the names of the Agents appointed to carry out the scheme of Immigration assented to by the General Assembly last Session, together with a copy of the Instructions issued to such Agents, and of any correspondence that may have passed between them and the Government upon the subject.
2. Mr. JOLLIE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a printed copy of the Letter written by the late Native Minister, Mr. Dillon Bell, to Matutaera and other Waikato chiefs, on the 7th of May, 1863, together with any correspondence connected therewith.
3. Mr. ORMOND to move, That the Petitions of the late members of the Colonial Defence Corps be referred to a Select Commitee. Such Committee to consist of Mr. Mantell, Mr. Jollie, Mr. Fitz-Gerald, Mr. Walker, and Mr. C. J. Taylor.
4. Mr. CARLETON to move, For leave to bring in a Coupons Bill.
5. Mr. THOMSON to move, That the "Canterbury Waste Lands Amendment Bill" be laid before the Crown Lands Committee.
6. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, That the name of Mr. Thomson be added to the Select Committee on the Waste Lands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
2. Militia Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.

Thursday, the 1st day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions Presented.*—(1.) By Mr. C. J. Taylor: The Petition of thirteen Settlers in the Mauku District. Petition received.
   (2.) By Mr. O'Neill: The Petition of Hugh Coolahan, of Auckland, Gentleman. Petition received.

2. *Papers.*—

2. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency:—

(1.) Papers respecting the continuance of Transportation from Great Britain to Western Australia.

(2.) Copy of Letter, No. 190, from the Resident Magistrate, Auckland, to the Honourable the Attorney-General, dated November 7th, 1864, being Return to an Order of the House of the 28th November last.

(3.) Papers respecting Mr. Catchpool's claim for compensation.

The Honourable Major Richardson laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

(4.) Papers respecting the Maintenance of Buoys and Beacons.

3. *Adjournment (Special).*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Saturday next at noon.

4. *Select Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That all Committees have leave to sit, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

5. *Immigration.*—On motion of Mr. O'Rorke, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the names of the agents appointed for immigration purposes by the General Government since last Session, together with a copy of the instructions issued to such agents, and of any correspondence that may have passed between them and the Government upon the subject; and also copy of any correspondence on the same subject between the General Government and Superintendents of Auckland, Taranaki, Wellington, and Hawke's Bay.

6. *Native Affairs.*—On motion of Mr. Jollie, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a printed copy of the Letter written by the late Native Minister, Mr. Dillon Bell, to Matutaera and other Waikato Chiefs, on the 7th of May, 1863, together with any correspondence connected therewith.

7. *Colonial Defence Force.*—On motion of Mr. Ormond, *Ordered*, That the Petitions of the late members of the Colonial Defence Corps be referred to a Select Committee. Such Committee to consist of Mr. Mantell, Mr. Jollie, Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Walker, and Mr. C. J. Taylor.

8. *Coupons Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Carleton have leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed.

9. *Canterbury Waste Lands Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Thomson, *Ordered*, That the Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864, be referred to the Select Committee on Waste Lands, and that the Committee report on or before Tuesday next.

10. *Waste Lands Committee.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That the name of Mr. Thomson be added to the Select Committee on the Waste Lands.

11. *Petty Sessions Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Petty Sessions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

12. *Militia Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Militia Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

13. *Privilege.*—Mr. Speaker intimated to the House that he had received the following letters from Mr. Chairman of Committees respecting the privileges of this House;

And the said letters having been read,

Ordered, That they be recorded on the Journals of this House:—

SIR,— Auckland, 1st December, 1864.

I have the honor to request that you will lay upon the Table of the House the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Erskine May, in addition to the correspondence already placed in your possession concerning an alleged breach of privilege.

I ask leave to observe that the letter in question is an answer to one from me (of which I have not preserved a copy) enclosing a copy of the opinion given on the same case by the Law Officers of the Crown, and requesting Mr. May to state whether his own had been in any way changed by the arguments adduced on the other side.

I have, &c.,

HUGH CARLETON, Chairman of Committees.

The Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR,— Bornemouth, Hants, 19th January, 1864.

As the mover of the Resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives in the Session of 1862,—"That the amendment of the 17th Clause of the Native Lands Act, 1862, is an infringement of the privileges of this House,"—I feel it my duty, having been informed that the Legislative Council do not admit that any breach of privilege has been committed, to take the opinion of Mr. Erskine May upon the question, and accordingly forward you a copy of the correspondence on the subject, requesting you to inform the House of that Gentleman's decision.

I have, &c.,

HUGH CARLETON, Chairman of Committees.

The Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR,— 40, Duke Street, St. James', 22nd July, 1864.

I have the honor to request your opinion upon a disputed point of privilege which has arisen between the Legislative Council of the General Assembly of New Zealand and the House of Representatives.

The practice of the Assembly in regard to money clauses is identical with that of the Imperial Parliament.

I am content, on behalf of the House of Representatives, to accept the statement of the case which has been drawn up by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council. I lay this statement before you, and desire to ask whether or not in your opinion an extension of the operation of a tax in the manner described, if made to the Lords, would be a breach of the privileges of the Commons.

I have, &c.,

Thomas Erskine May, Esq. HUGH CARLETON, M.G.A.

SIR,— July 23rd, 1863.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, I desire to state that I have perused the papers which you submitted to me, and particularly the Report of the Committee of the Legislative Council of New Zealand upon the Native Lands Bill.

It appears to me that the amendment made by the Legislative Council to that Bill having rendered a certain class of instruments liable to a tax or duty from which they were exempt under the Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, was an infringement of the privileges of the latter. No such amendment would have been accepted in this country by the House of Commons, if made under similar circumstances by the Lords.

I have, &c.,

Hugh Carleton, Esq. &c. T. ERSKINE MAY.

MY DEAR SIR,— House of Commons, May 30th, 1864.

I have no desire to be engaged in a controversy at the Antipodes, but I have no objection to state, without entering into any arguments, that I adhere to the opinions stated last year,—that if such an amendment, having the objects designed by that in the Native Lands (New Zealand) Bill, had been made by the House of Lords to a Bill sent up to them by the Commons, the latter would not have assented to it, in accordance with their own privileges, and the usage which is maintained between the two Houses.

I have, &c.,

Hugh Carleton, Esq. T. ERSKINE MAY.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Major Richardson,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Saturday, December 3rd, 1864.

Private Business:

1. Bank of Otago (Limited) Act Amendment Bill—first reading.
2. Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Bill—first reading.
3. New Zealand Banking Corporation Bill—first reading.
4. Otago and Southland Investment Company Bill—first reading.
5. Bank of Auckland Bill—first reading.

Public Business:

1. Mr. MANTELL to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, What course the Government has taken, or proposes to take, relative to Kautuanui's Claim to Quail Island, in the Province of Canterbury?
2. Mr. MANTELL to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, What steps (if any) have been taken to define the titles of the Crown, the Natives, and the European grantee in the Island of Mana, in Cook's Straits; and to inquire upon whose land the lighthouse on that Island is erected?
3. Mr. Fox to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether any active steps have been taken towards the commencement of the road between Taranaki and Wanganui; and if not, when the Government intends advising that such work should be commenced?
4. Mr. Fox to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, When this House may expect to receive the copies of His Excellency's Despatches, and those of the Secretary of State, which His Excellency declined to allow to be printed with the Ministerial Memoranda?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. WELD to move, That Standing Order No. 5 be amended for this Session by leaving out the words "on Tuesdays and Fridays," and substituting in place thereof the following words: "in such manner as the Executive Government shall consider most conducive to the prompt despatch of business."
2. Mr. BRODIE to move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the following Resolution should be placed on record:—

   Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due to the late Ministry for the firm and decided action which they have taken, during the recess, to maintain the principle of Responsible Government in the management of Native Affairs; and further, that this House also approves of their

endeavours

endeavours to carry out the policy laid down for their guidance by a majority of both Houses of the Legislature, as to the manner in which the Native race should be controlled.

3. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That the hour of adjournment in the evening be altered from half-past 5 to half-past 6 o'clock, and the hour of resumption of the chair be altered from 7 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

4. Mr. VOGEL to move, That a submarine line of Telegraph be laid across Cook's Straits, to connect Wellington with the Telegraph system of the Middle Island.

That, in the opinion of this House, only Government Telegraphic messages of special importance should take precedence of ordinary messages, and all Government messages should be charged to the several departments sending them.

5. Mr. VOGEL to move, That the Government should cause a survey at once to be made of a line of Railway to connect the northern and southern extremities of the Middle Island; and that it should instruct the English Agent to put himself into communication with the leading contracting and financial houses, with the view of ascertaining what facilities can be obtained at home in carrying out the construction of the railway.

6. Mr. GILLIES to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Sheriffs Act, 1858."

7. Mr. CRACROFT WILSON, C.B., to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to insure the fulfilment of engagements, and to provide for the adjustment of disputes between masters and servants.

8. Mr. FOX to move, For leave of absence for Mr. C. R. Carter for the current Session.

9. Mr. J. C. RICHMOND to move, That the Petition of John Waring Saxton be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.

10. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of James Gilberd, builder, be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances; also, That the Petition of Eliza Meredith be referred to the said Committee.

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13. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of the House a Return of all contracts or agreements made between the Government and such persons who have furnished supplies and performed work for the Government in the Waikato, Tauranga, Raglan, or other districts in the Province of Auckland, during the period from the 1st October, 1862, to the 31st October, 1864; by whose authority the contracts were made; the names of the persons who furnished such supplies or performed such work; and showing whether or not such contracts or agreements were entered into after public tenders had been invited, or by private arrangements only; showing also the amounts of money paid out of the Public Treasury on each transaction, and the liabilities (if any) still outstanding.

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16. Mr. MANTELL to move, For a Return of all Cases in which action has been taken under the "Suppression of Rebellion Act, 1863," showing, in each case, the causes and results of such action.

17. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That all papers relative to the overtures which, in the Ministerial Minute of 30th August last, E.—No. 2, p 87, are stated to have been made by the Native Minister of Mr. Domett's Government to his colleagues on the subject of placing Mr. Gorst in the Legislative Council, be laid on the Table.

18. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That the "Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill" be referred to the Crown Lands Committee.

19. Mr. CARLETON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, those settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, are as well entitled to compensation as the Taranaki settlers.

20. Mr. O'NEILL to move, That the Petition of Hugh Coolahan be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.

21. Mr. BRANDON to move, That the Petition of Henry William London and Charles London be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.

22. Mr. C. BROWN to move, The second reading of "A Bill to confirm the Titles to certain Lands in the Town of New Plymouth, given in exchange for other Lands."

23. Mr. COLENSO to move, For a Return of all sums expended for Native purposes in salaries, presents, loans or otherwise, from 1st July, 1862; distinguishing, if possible, between rebel, neutral, and friendly natives; and showing by whose authority each sum was expended—in continuation of the Return (E.—No. 12) made to an Order of the House of 24th July, 1862.

24. Mr. WILKIN to move the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that each Member of this House should be furnished with a copy of the Constitution Act, and of all amendments thereon.

25. Mr. FOX to move, For a Return of the names of the prisoners on board the Hulk, with a statement of their offences, asked for by His Excellency on the 30th June, 1864, and furnished to him a few

days

days later by the Colonial Secretary, with additional information to be supplied, showing which of them escaped from Kawau, and which are now at large.

26. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That, in conformity with the Resolution of this House last Session, passed on the 3rd December, 1863, for the "Reconstruction of the Standing Orders of the House on the model of the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceedings of the House of Commons," Mr. Speaker be requested to complete during the recess the preparation of the new Standing Orders, in order that the same may be submitted to the House immediately after the opening of next Session.

27. The Honourable Major RICHARDSON to move, That the following Members be added to the Committee on the Petition of the late members of the Colonial Defence Corps—Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., and the Honourable Major Atkinson.

28. Mr. GEORGE GRAHAM to move, That a Return be laid on the Table of this House, showing the names of all members of the House of Representatives, other than Responsible Ministers, who have been in receipt of funds from the Colonial Treasury since the 1st October, 1862; showing the nature of the service on which they have been employed, and the amount they have severally received.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Election of the Audit Committee.
2. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—second reading.
3. New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
4. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
5. Land for Roads and Military Purposes Bill—second reading.
6. Panama Mail Service Bill—second reading.
7. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.
8. The Committee of Supply.
9. Adjourned Debate on the Resolutions moved by the Honourable Mr. WELD on Wednesday last—

(1.) That the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers in the management of Native affairs has resulted in divided councils, and a vacillating policy, which has been productive of great evil to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, while it has entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, recognizing the right of the Home Government to insist upon the maintenance of this system of double Government so long as the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, accepts the alternative, and requests the Home Government to withdraw the whole of its land force from the Colony, and to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may enable him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogatives of the Crown.

(3.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the mother country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. VOGEL to move, as an amendment to the Honourable Mr. Weld's first two Resolutions, the following:—

Resolved, That in the emergency in which the Colony is placed, the House should not, by a too strict construction of the principles of Responsible Government, interpose obstacles which are calculated to prevent a Ministry in which it has full confidence co-operating with His Excellency the Governor in giving effect to the instructions he receives as the representative of Her Majesty. That, in making this temporary concession, the House does not undervalue or renounce the privileges of Constitutional Government which the Colony enjoys, but thinks that the assistance which Great Britain has rendered to the Colony during the present war entitles her to a voice in the questions that arise out of it, and especially in those relating to the exercise of clemency and the disposal of forfeited lands.

This House further desires to express its cordial acceptance of the opinions laid down in the following passage from a Despatch of His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 26th August, viz.:—"I think that all must see that these instructions, which have been issued to meet a temporary emergency, would lapse the moment a normal state of things was restored in the Colony, and that they were suited to meet the exigencies of the present moment, and to provide for the restoration of peace to the country. I think that no doubt should be entertained of the good sense and good feelings of the inhabitants of New Zealand; that you should feel satisfied that you will be supported by a large majority in this country in doing that which is right; and that when, after full consideration, you have determined that a certain line of conduct is that which justice to Great Britain and to both races in this Colony requires to be pursued, you may direct that it should be carried out in the full confidence that the Governor here will, when the facts become known, have ample support in giving effect to your instructions."

Saturday, the 3rd day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. O'Neill: The Petition of the Bank of Auckland for leave to introduce a Private Bill.

Petition received.

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(2.) By Mr. Reynolds: The Petition of John Bathgate, of Dunedin, attorney and general manager of the Corporation of the Bank of Otago (Limited), for leave to introduce a Private Bill.
Petition received.
(3.) By Mr. Reynolds: The Petition of the New Zealand Banking Corporation (Limited), for leave to introduce a Private Bill.
Petition received.
(4.) By Mr. Dillon Bell: The Petition of John Bathgate and Arthur William Morris, directors of the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), for leave to introduce a Private Bill.
Petition received.
(5.) By Mr. Brodie: The Petition of Frederick Joseph Moss and Alfred Cleve, of Dunedin, for leave to introduce a Private Bill.
Petition received.

2. *Bank of Auckland Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. O'Neill and Mr. John Williamson have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes."
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time.
Mr. O'Neill moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.
Mr. Dillon Bell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Monday," and the insertion of the word "Tuesday" in lieu thereof.
And the Question being put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

3. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Thomson have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863."
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. *The New Zealand Banking Corporation Act (Limited) Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Mason have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the New Zealand Banking Corporation (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business, and issue notes in New Zealand."
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Dillon Bell and Mr. Reynolds have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand."
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. *Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Brodie and Mr. Mason have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Shareholders of a Joint Stock Insurance Company established in the Colony of New Zealand under the style or title of the Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company, to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Board of Directors of the said Company, and to limit the liability of such Shareholders, and for other purposes."
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. John Williamson: The Petition of Timata Te Toke, a native woman.
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. O'Rorke: The Petition of Maria Bickers, of Tauranga.
Petition received.

8. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—
(1.) Despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State.
(2.) Enclosures to Despatch No. 169 of the 21st June, 1864, from the Secretary of State to the Governor.
(3.) Papers in reference to granting Land to the Militia and Volunteers in the Province of Auckland.
(4.) Papers respecting the imposition of charges on the Land Revenue.
(5.) Despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State.
(6.) Return of the Arms surrendered by the Natives from the commencement of the war to the present time, being Return to an Order of the House of the 29th November last.
(7.) Return of Officers employed in the Native Districts in January, 1864.
(8.) Despatches from the Secretary of State to the Governor.
(9.) Papers relative to, or illustrating, the new Superstition called "Pai Marire" or "Hau Hau" religion, being partial Return to an Order of the House of the 29th November last.
(10.) Further Papers relative to the same subject, being further Return to an Order of the House of the 29th November last.

(11.) Despatch

(11.) Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, No. 96, of the 26th September last, with reference to the payment of Colonial allowance to the Ships of War.

(12.) Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, No. 97, of the 26th September last, with reference to advances to the Colony from the Imperial Chest.

The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency:—

(13). Statement of Expenditure from 1st October, 1863, to 30th September, 1864, charged on the "Loan Appropriation Act, 1863."

(14.) Papers respecting the One Million Loan.

(15.) Further Papers respecting the One Million Loan.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed for the use of Members of this House.

9. *Standing Orders.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That Standing Order No. 5 be amended for this Session by leaving out the words "on Tuesdays and Fridays," and substituting in place thereof the following words, "in such manner as the Executive Government shall consider most conducive to the prompt despatch of business."

On motion of Mr. Dillon Bell, *Resolved*, That for this Session the hours of adjournment in the evening be altered from half-past five to half-past six o'clock, and the hour of resumption of the Chair be altered from seven o'clock to eight o'clock.

10. *Telegraphs.*—On motion of Mr. Vogel, *Resolved*, That a Submarine Line of Telegraph be laid across Cook's Straits to connect Wellington with the telegraph system of the Middle Island.

That, in the opinion of this House, only Government messages of special importance should take precedence of ordinary messages, and all Government messages should be charged to the several Departments sending them.

11. *Sheriffs' Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Gillies have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, and to be printed.

12. *Masters and Servants Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B., have leave to bring in a Bill to insure the fulfilment of engagements, and to provide for the adjustment of disputes between masters and servants.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, and to be printed.

13. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Fox, *Ordered*, That Mr. Carter have leave of absence for the current Session.

14. *Petition of J. W. Saxton.*—On motion of Mr. J. C. Richmond, *Ordered*, That the Petition of John Waring Saxton be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.

15. *Petition of James Gilberd and Eliza Meredith.*—On motion of Mr. John Williamson, *Ordered*, That the Petition of James Gilberd be referred to the Private Grievance Committee; also, that the Petition of Eliza Meredith be referred to the said Committee.

16. *Township of Ngaruawahia.*—On motion of Mr. John Williamson, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House, a copy of the Regulations (if any) made by the Governor in Council, under which certain Town Lands at Ngaruawahia were recently sold; also, an account showing the present condition of the Land Purchase Fund of the Province of Auckland, and a Return showing the locality and extent of the purchases of Native Land effected since the 1st January, 1864, together with a detail of the items of expenditure charged upon the Fund.

17. *Auckland Militia and Volunteers.*—On motion of Mr. John Williamson, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table of the House, a Return of the names of all persons belonging to the Auckland Militia and Volunteers who were exempted from service on payment of £10; by whose authority such exemptions were granted, and the grounds for exemption in each case; also, the Petition of certain inhabitants of Auckland complaining thereof, and the reply of the Government thereto; also, showing the names of all persons who were exempted by virtue of Medical Certificates.

18. *Government Contracts.*—Mr. John Williamson moved, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid on the Table of the House, a Return of all Contracts or Agreements made between the Government and such persons who have furnished supplies and performed work for the Government in the Waikato, Tauranga, Raglan, or other Districts in the Province of Auckland, during the period from the 1st October, 1862, to the 31st October, 1864, by whose authority the contracts were made, the names of the persons who furnished such supplies or performed such work; and shewing whether or not such Contracts or Agreements were entered into after public tenders had been invited, or by private arrangements only; shewing also the amounts of money paid out of the public Treasury on each transaction, and the liabilities (if any) still outstanding.

Mr. Colenso moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the words "prepared during the recess in order to be," before the word "laid," in the second line.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, it passed in the Negative.

Then the original Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

19. *Purchase of Stewart's Island.*—On motion of Mr. Mantell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table, a copy of all reports and papers relative to the alleged purchase of Stewart's Island, with a copy and translation of the deed of purchase, and of signatures thereto.

20. *Native Reserves in Wellington.*—On motion of Mr. Mantell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table, a copy of all Papers relative to the occupation by the Imperial Government of two Native Reserves near Mount Cook, in the city of Wellington (Nos. 89 and 90.)

21. *Suppression of Rebellion Act*, 1863.—On motion of Mr. Mantell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return of all cases in which action has been taken under the "Suppression of Rebellion Act, 1863," showing, in each case, the causes and results of such action.

22. *Audit Committee.*—The House, according to Order, proceeded to the election of the Audit Committee, under the provisions of the "Audit Act, 1858;" and the ballot having been taken, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Brodie, and Mr. J. C. Richmond were elected to serve on the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Thomson, Chairman of the Audit Committee.

23. *Auckland Waste Lands Act* 1858 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1858, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

24. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion made on Wednesday last, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;

Ordered, That so much of His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of the General Assembly as was especially directed to the House of Representatives be referred to the Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made and Question proposed, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty. *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Carleton reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Mr. Carleton also reported that the Committee had directed him to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

25. *Crown Lands Committee.*—Mr. J. C. Richmond, from the Select Committee on Crown Lands, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The Select Committee on Crown Lands report that nothing in the "Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864," in any way departs from the principles of the Waste Lands Regulations of the Province of Canterbury, and further, that the said Bill tends to improve the security for the guaranteed loans of the Colony.

26. *Adjournment (Special.)*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, *Resolved*, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Monday next at noon.

Then, the House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, December 5, 1864.

Private Business:

Bank of Auckland Bill—second reading.

Public Business:

1. Mr. A. Cox to ask, Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session—or, if not in the present Session, during the next Session of the Assembly—to bring in a Bill empowering the Provincial Legislature of Canterbury to make laws authorising the assessing and levying rates on lands held under depasturing licenses, for making and repairing roads, and for other objects of public utility.

Mr. R. GRAHAM to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, What steps (if any) the Government intend to take towards eradicating noxious thistles growing upon Native lands, also lands lately occupied by the rebel natives.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. DILLON BELL to move the following Resolutions, reported from the Joint House Commitee; that is to say—

(1.) That the Strangers' Gallery be open to the public as heretofore.

(2.) That the front row of Seats in the Strangers' Gallery be railed off as a Speaker's Gallery, to which strangers shall be introduced through the lower door of the House, by Speaker's orders only.

(3.) That

(3.) That Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and those Officers of the Government whose presence is required by the Ministers, shall have the right to sit behind the Speaker's chair.

(4.) That Ladies may be introduced by the order of the Speaker into the Ladies' Gallery and into the Speaker's and Clerk's rooms, behind the chair.

(5.) That Reporters be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery only by order of the Speaker, and that no person be admitted into the Reporters' Gallery except for the *bona fide* purpose of reporting for the public press.

(6.) That except in accordance with the above regulations no person shall be admitted into any part of the House of Representatives, except the Members, Officers, and servants of the House.

2. Mr. VOGEL to move, That the House adjourn on the 18th December until the 28th January.

3. Mr. VOGEL to move—

(1.) That this House does not consider the Colony bound by the contract entered into by Mr. Crosbie Ward with the Inter-Colonial Company, because that gentleman not only exceeded the instructions given to him by his Government, but assumed to possess powers beyond those which his Government could have given him, without the consent of this House.

(2.) That feeling great sympathy with the Company on account of the false position in which it has been placed, this House desires, as far as it is consistent with the welfare of the Colony, to meet the views of the Company in regard to entering into a contract for carrying out a Panama Service.

4. Mr. O'ROURKE to move, That the Petition of Maria Bickers be referred to the Private Grievances Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned Debate on the Resolutions moved by the Honourable Mr. WELD on Wednesday last—

(1.) That the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers in the management of Native affairs has resulted in divided councils, and in a vacillating policy, which has been productive of great evil to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, while it has entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

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2. A Resolution to be reported from the Committee of Supply.
3. New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
4. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
5. Land for Roads and Military Purposes Bill—second reading.
6. Panama Mail Service Bill—second reading.
7. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.
8. New Provinces Act Limitation Bill—second reading.
9. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
10. Militia Acts Amendments Bill—second reading.

Monday,

Monday, the 5th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS.

1. *Member Sworn.*—John George Miles, Esquire, Member for the District of Waimea, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by Law, took his Seat in the House.

2. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders on Private Bills, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

I certify that, in the opinion of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following matters:—

18. The notice was not published in the *Government Gazette.*
19. Application was not made to —— Buchanan, nor to Joseph Stone.
22. Lists of various Lessees and Occupiers have not been made.
28. Plan and Book of Reference have not been deposited in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds.
37. Lists of Owners, &c., are not deposited.
40. Limits of deviation have not been defined upon the plan.
42. Distances have been marked in chains and not in furlongs.
45, 47, 48. No section has been made.
49. The cross sections are shewn on the plan and not any section.
50. The cross sections are not shewn as required.
51. Embankments and cuttings are not shewn on any section, the extreme height of bridges is not shewn.

And I report that in the opinion of the Committee the said Standing Orders should be dispensed with, and the parties be permitted to proceed with the Bill.

3. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Joint Committe on Standing Orders, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

I certify that, in the opinion of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following instances:

18. The notice was not published in the *Government Gazette.*
19. Application was not made to —— Buchanan, nor to Joseph Stone.
22. Lists of Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers have not been made.
28. Plan and Book of Reference have not been deposited at the Office of the Registrar of Deeds.
37. Lists of Owners, &c., were not deposited.
40. Limits of deviation have not been defined upon the plan.
42. Distances have been marked in chains, and not in furlongs.
45. 47, 48. No section has been made.
49. The cross sections are shewn on the plan, and not any section.
50. The cross sections are not shewn as required.
51. Embankments and cuttings are not shewn on any section, the extreme height is not marked.
52. A viaduct is not shewn.

And I report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the said Standing Orders should be dispensed with, and the parties permitted to proceed with the Bill.

4. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. Thomson: The Petition of the Superintendent of Canterbury for a Private Bill (Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill).

Petition received.

(2.) The Petition of the Superintendent of Canterbury for a Private Bill (Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill).

Petition received.

5. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.—Ordered,* That Mr. Thomson and Mr. Wilkin have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province."

They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

6. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.—Ordered,* That Mr. Thomson and Mr. Wilkin have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Ashley in the said Province."

They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

7. *Bank of Auckland Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bank of Auckland Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

8. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. John Williamson: The Petition of Thomas Leddra Wallis, of the Wairoa, settler.

Petition received.

(2.) By Colonel Haultain: The Petition of Rhoda Beddy Hamlin, widow of the late Job Hamlin, of Papakura, settler.

Petition

Petition received.

(3.) By Mr. C. J. Taylor: The Petition of James Walmesley, late Major Commanding the Colonial Defence Force.

Petition received.

9. *Joint House Committee.*—Mr. Dillon Bell moved, and the Question was proposed, That the following Resolution, reported from the Joint House Committee, be now adopted:—

(1.) That the Strangers' Gallery be open to the public as heretofore.

The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

10. *Adjournment of the House.*—Mr. Vogel moved, and the Question was proposed, That the House adjourn on the 18th December until the 28th January.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

11. *Panama Contract.*—Mr. Vogel moved, and the Question was proposed,—

(1.) That this House does not consider the Colony bound by the Contract entered into by Mr. Crosbie Ward with the Inter-Colonial Company, because that gentleman not only exceeded the instructions given to him by his Government, but assumed to possess powers beyond those which his Government could have given him, without the consent of this House.

(2.) That feeling great sympathy with the Company on account of the false position in which it has been placed, this House desires, as far as it is consistent with the welfare of the Colony, to meet the views af the Company in regard to entering into a Contract for carrying out a Panama Service.

A Debate arose thereupon.

The Honourable Major Richardson moved the previous Question.

It being Three of the Clock, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

12. *Message.*—A Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered to Mr. Speaker by Spencer M. Medley, Esquire, His Excellency's Private Secretary.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No. 3.*

The Governor communicates to the House of Representatives that he has approved of the amendments in Standing Orders Nos. 5 and 6, enclosed in a letter dated the 3rd instant, from the Honourable the Speaker to the Governor.

Government House, Auckland, 5th December, 1864.

13. *Policy of the Government.*—The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Resolutions moved by the Honourable Mr. Weld on Wednesday last,—

(1.) That the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers in the management of Native affairs has resulted in divided councils, and in a vacillating policy, which has been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, while it has entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, recognizing the right of the Home Government to insist upon the maintenance of this system of double Government so long as the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, accepts the alternative, and requests the Home Government to withdraw the whole of its land force from the Colony, and to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may enable him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogatives of the Crown.

(3.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval forces in New Zealand.

(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Honourable Major Atkinson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," and the insertion of the following words in lieu thereof:—

"The House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

"(2.) That this House, having in its last Session accepted the decision of the Duke of Newcastle upon the subject of the responsibility of directing and controlling the Native policy of the Colony, as imposed upon it by his Despatch No. 22, of the 26th February, 1863, which decision has been interpreted by the instructions to His Excellency the Governor, contained in Despatches No. 43, of 26th April, and No. 65, of 26th May, 1864, of the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, expresses its confident trust that these instructions were issued to meet a temporary emergency, and may lapse the moment a normal state of things shall be restored in the Colony.

"(3.) That this House, without disputing the claim of the Imperial Government to exercise a reasonable control over policy upon which the restoration of peace must necessarily depend, whilst the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, cannot shrink from the expression of its conviction, that the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers

Ministers has resulted in divided counsels, which have been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, and have entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

"(4.) That the resources of New Zealand have been already heavily burthened, and their development retarded by the great sacrifices that have been entailed upon the Colony by the Native insurrection. That, nevertheless, the Colony is resolved to make every further possible effort to place itself in a position of self-defence against internal aggression, with a view to accept the alternative indicated by the Home Government, namely, the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces at the earliest possible period consistent with the maintenance of Imperial interests, and the safety of the Colony; thereby enabling the Imperial Government to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may permit him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

"(5.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. R. Graham moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question of the adjournment of the Debate being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,

Mr. Vogel moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the following in lieu thereof:—

"In the emergency in which the Colony is placed, the House should not, by a too strict construction of the principles of Responsible Government, interpose obstacles which are calculated to prevent a Ministry, in which it has full confidence, co-operating with His Excellency the Governor in giving effect to the instructions he receives as the representative of Her Majesty. That in making this temporary concession, the House does not undervalue or renounce the privileges of Constitutional Government which the Colony enjoys, but thinks that the assistance which Great Britain has rendered to the Colony during the present war, entitles Her to a voice in the questions that arise out of it, and especially to those relating to the exercise of clemency and the disposal of forfeited lands."

The Amendment not being seconded, it was not put.

Mr. R. Graham moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following words after the third Resolution proposed by the Honourable Major Atkinson:—

"That in the present circumstances of the Colony, it is expedient, as a temporary measure, that New Zealand should be divided into two separate Colonies: That the Southern Colony should have a Constitutional Government, administered on the principle of Ministerial Responsibility.

"That the Northern Colony should have such a Constitution as will enable the Imperial Government to exercise such control over the management of Native affairs as will enable Her Majesty's Government to take such measures as it may deem necessary to repress the present rebellion, and provide safeguards for the future.

"(6.) That when the management of Native affairs shall cease to form a special difficulty in the Government of New Zealand, the two Colonies be united as one Colony under a single Government, to be established in the locality which shall be most convenient to the members of the Legislature and for the general interests of the Colony at large.

"(7.) That Her Majesty's Imperial Government be most respectfully, but strongly, urged to give effect without delay to these Resolutions."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,

The Debate continued.

On motion of Mr. Russell, *Resolved*, That this Debate be now adjourned until To-morrow, to stand the first Order of the Day.

14. *Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for receiving the Report of a Resolution from the Committee of Supply, Mr. Carleton accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And the Resolution being read a second time, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

15. *New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill,

The Honourable Mr. Weld moved and the Question was proposed, That the New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Richmond, *Resolved*, That this Debate be now adjourned until To-morrow.

16. *Adjournment.*—The House adjourned, at half after Six, until Eight of the Clock.

And having met again at Eight of the Clock, notice was taken that eighteen Members were not present;

And the House having been counted by order of Mr. Speaker, it was found that eighteen Members were not present,

Then the House was adjourned by order of Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put.

Members Present:—Mr. Colenso, Mr. O'Neill, the Honourable Major Richardson, and the Honourable Mr. Weld.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, December 6th, 1864.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned debate on the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(2.) That this House having in its last Session accepted the decision of the Duke of Newcastle upon the subject of the responsibility of directing and controlling the Native Policy of the Colony, as imposed upon it by his Despatch No. 22, of the 26th February, 1863, which decision has been interpreted by the instructions to His Excellency the Governor contained in Despatches No. 43, of 26th April, and No. 65, of 26th May, 1864, of the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, expresses its confident trust that these instructions were issued to meet a temporary emergency, and may lapse the moment a normal state of things shall be restored in the Colony.

(3.) That this House, without disputing the claim of the Imperial Government to exercise a reasonable control over policy upon which the restoration of peace must necessarily depend, whilst the Colony is receiving the aid of British Troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, cannot shrink from the expression of its conviction, that the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers has resulted in divided counsels, which have been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, and have entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(4.) That the resources of New Zealand have been already heavily burthened, and their development retarded, by the great sacrifices that have been entailed upon the Colony by the Native Insurrection. That nevertheless the Colony is resolved to make every further possible effort to place itself in a position of self-defence against internal aggression, with a view to accept the alternative indicated by the Home Government, namely, the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces at the earliest possible period consistent with the maintenance of Imperial interests, and the safety of the Colony; thereby enabling the Imperial Government to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may permit him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs: excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

(5.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Amendment proposed by Mr. R. GRAHAM, That the following words be inserted at the end of the third Resolution:—

(4.) That in the present circumstances of the Colony it is expedient, as a temporary measure, that New Zealand should be divided into two separate Colonies. That the Southern Colony should have a Constitutional Government, administered on the principle of Ministerial Responsibility. That the Northern Colony should have such a Constitution as will enable the Imperial Government to exercise such control over the management of Native Affairs, as will enable Her Majesty's Government to take such measures as it may deem necessary to suppress the present Rebellion, and provide safeguards against Rebellion for the future.

(5.) That when the management of Native Affairs shall cease to form a special difficulty in the Government of New Zealand, the two Colonies be reunited as one Colony under a single Government, to be established in the locality which shall be most convenient to the Members of the Legislature, and for the general interests of the Colony at large.

(6.) That Her Majesty's Imperial Government be most respectfully, but strongly, urged to give effect, without delay, to these Resolutions.

(7.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill—Adjourned debate on second reading.
3. Land for Roads Bill—second reading.
4. Panama Mail Service Bill—second reading.
5. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
6. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.
7. New Provinces Act Limitation Bill—second reading.
8. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
9. Militia Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.
10. Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
11. Coupons Bill—second reading.
12. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—second reading.

Private Business:

1. Bank of Otago (Limited) Act 1863 Amendment Bill—second reading.
2. New Zealand Banking Corporation (Limited) Bill—second reading.
3. Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill—second reading.
4. Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill—second reading.
5. Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill—second reading.
6. Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill—second reading.

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1. Mr. MANTELL to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether any applications have been received from the Native residents at Otaki and its neighbourhood for an alteration of the boundary between the Porirua and Manawatu districts?
2. Mr. CRACROFT WILSON, C.B., to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether, during the recess

recess, the Government is prepared to take into consideration the "Debtors and Creditors Act, 1862," with a view to amending the same?

3. Mr. DOMETT to ask the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, How a sum of £1,149 6s. 4d., returned in the Account-Current for 1862 as collected at Nelson in September quarter, 1862, under the "Gold Duty Act, 1858," was disposed of?
4. Mr. CROSBIE WARD to ask the Honourable the Minister for Colonial Defence, Whether the Government propose to issue any further Clothing to Volunteers in the Middle Island?
5. Mr. CARLETON to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether the fine inflicted on Hohepa, of Matauri, for an attempted rape on the daughter of a settler at Waihou, has been paid?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. THOMSON to move, The second reading of the "Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864."
2. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That all papers relative to the overtures which, in the Ministerial Minute of 30th August last (E—No. 2, p. 87) are stated to have been made by the Native Minister of Mr. Domett's Government to his colleagues, on the subject of placing Mr. Gorst in the Legislative Council, be laid on the Table.
3. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That the "Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill" be referred to the Crown Lands Committee.
4. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That in conformity with the Resolution of this House last Session, passed on the 3rd December, 1863, for the "Reconstruction of the Standing Orders of the House on the model of the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceedings of the House of Commons," Mr. Speaker be requested to complete during the recess the preparation of the new Standing Orders, in order that the same may be submitted to the House immediately after the opening of next Session.
5. Mr. CHARLES BROWN to move, That a copy be laid on the Table of a letter dated the 11th March last, No. 540, from the Deputy Adjutant-General of Militia to the Adjutant of Militia at Taranaki, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Waste Lands, to take the subject of the same into consideration.
6. Mr. O'NEILL to move, That the Petition of Hugh Coolahan be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
7. Mr. MANTELL to move, For a copy of the Native Secretary's letter to Mr. Mantell, dated December 21st, 1863, No. 401, and of its enclosures; and of any subsequent correspondence between the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District and the Government on the subject of those enclosures. Also, for correspondence between the Government and the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District relative to any increase in his salary during the present year.
8. Mr. FITZGERALD to move, For leave to place on the Table of the House certain letters from Natives expressing their wish to be represented in the General Assembly, and that the same be printed.
9. Mr. WILKIN to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that each Member of this House should be furnished with a copy of the Constitution Act, and of all amendments thereon.
10. Mr. DOMETT to move, For a Return of all receipts and expenditure on account of the Nelson Gold Fields, under the "Gold Fields Act, 1858," and the "Gold Duty Act, 1858," up to the 30th September last, and of all payments into the Provincial Treasury of Nelson of balances accruing therefrom.
11. Mr. BRANDON to move, That the Petition of William Henry London and Charles London be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
12. Mr. COLENSO to move, That the papers laid on the Table by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary respecting Mr. Catchpool's claim to compensation be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
13. Mr. COLENSO to move, For a Return of all sums expended for Native purposes, in salaries, presents, loans, or otherwise, from 1st July, 1862—distinguishing, if possible, between rebel, neutral, and friendly Natives, and showing by whose authority each sum was expended: in continuation of the Return (E. No. 12) made to an order of the House of 24th July, 1862.
14. Mr. CHARLES J. TAYLOR to move, That the Petition of James Walmesley, Major Commanding Defence Force, be referred to the Committee on Petitions of the Colonial Defence Corps.
15. Mr. JNO. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of Thomas Leddra Wallis—also that of Hugh Coolahan—be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
16. Mr. CARLETON to move, For a Return of all sums expended in road-making north of Auckland since 1862; by whom each amount was expended; what length of road has been completed in each district; the description of road, whether through bush or fern land, and whether in continuation of established lines of main trunk roads, or otherwise. Also copies of all correspondence between the Government and gentlemen who have been interested in the expenditure of such sums.
17. Mr. JOLLIE to move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable, at the earliest possible opportunity to amend Sections 19 and 28 of the "Registration of Electors Act, 1858," so as to provide that the Revising Officer shall in all cases hold a Court within the District for which such revision is to be made (instead of either within or without, according to his own discretion, as at present); and in the case of Electoral Districts possessing a large constituency, scattered over a wide tract of country, that such Court should be held at more than a single place and time within the district; and also, where there are many non-resident voters, at some place without such district convenient for their attendance.
18. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of the whole cost of the Colonial Defence Force from its establishment under the Act of 1862 down to the date of its reduction by the late Government.
19. Mr. THOMSON to move, That the second reading of the "Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864," be made an order of the day for this day.

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20. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of all persons who have been enrolled in the Colonial Defence Force, with the date of their appointment, their rank in the service, the rate of pay, and the Province to which they were attached: together with a separate Return of all officers and men belonging to such Force who have been discharged or dismissed from the service, the dates of such discharge or dismissal, and the previous notice given in each case.
21. Mr. RENALL to move, That all Correspondence between the Government and the Hutt Settlers, relative to the formation of No. 2 Volunteer Company, be laid upon the Table of this House.

Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Message.*—A Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered to Mr. Speaker by Spencer M. Medley, Esquire, His Excellency's Private Secretary.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No.* 4.

The Governor recommends the House of Representatives to make provision for the establishment of a Steam Postal Service between New Zealand and Panama to an amount not exceeding the sum mentioned in certain articles of agreement, made on the 17th day of December, 1863, between Mr. Crosbie Ward and the Inter-Colonial Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (Limited), a copy of which articles is enclosed herewith.

Government House, Auckland, 6th December, 1864.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Governor be referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. *Paper.*—The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

Papers respecting Captain Johnstone's claim for compensation for delay in obtaining possession of land at Raglan.

3. *Policy of the Government.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the following Resolutions proposed yesterday:—

(1.) That the House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to the Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, having in its last Session accepted the decision of the Duke of Newcastle upon the subject of the responsibility of directing and controlling the Native Policy of the Colony, as imposed upon it by his Despatch No. 22, of the 26th February, 1863, which decision has been interpreted by the instructions to His Excellency the Governor, contained in Despatches No. 43, of 26th April, and No. 65, of 26th May, 1864, of the Right Honorable Edward Cardwell, expresses its confident trust that these instructions were issued to meet a temporary emergency, and may lapse the moment a normal state of things shall be restored in the Colony.

(3.) That this House, without disputing the claim of the Imperial Government to exercise a reasonable control over policy upon which the restoration of peace must necessarily depend, whilst the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, cannot shrink from the expression of its conviction, that the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers has resulted in divided counsels, which have been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, and have entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

(4.) That the resources of New Zealand have been already heavily burthened, and their development retarded by the great sacrifices that have been entailed upon the Colony by the Native insurrection. That nevertheless the Colony is resolved to make every further possible effort to place itself in a position of self-defence against internal aggression, with a view to accept the alternative indicated by the Home Government, namely, the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces at the earliest possible period consistent with the maintenance of Imperial interests and the safety of the Colony; thereby enabling the Imperial Government to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may permit him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

(5.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

And the Amendment proposed thereto by Mr. R. Graham, That the following words be inserted at the end of the third Resolution:—

(4.) That, in the present circumstances of the Colony, it is expedient, as a temporary measure, that New Zealand should be divided into two separate Colonies. That the Southern Colony should have a Constitutional Government, administered on the principle of Ministerial Responsibility. That the Northern Colony should have such a Constitution as will enable the Imperial Government to exercise such control over the management of Native affairs, as will enable Her Majesty's Government to take such measures as it may deem necessary to suppress the present rebellion, and provide safeguards against rebellion for the future.

(5.) That

(5.) That when the management of Native affairs shall cease to form a special difficulty in the Government of New Zealand, the two Colonies be re-united as one Colony under a single Government, to be established in the locality which shall be most convenient to the Members of the Legislature, and for the general interests of the Colony at large.

(6.) That Her Majesty's Imperial Government be most respectfully but strongly urged to give effect, without delay, to these Resolutions.

(7.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjonrned Debate.

On motion of Mr. FitzGerald, *Ordered*, That the Debate be now adjourned until Eight of the Clock this evening.

4. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk to the Legislative Council:

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Coroners' Act, 1858."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Auckland Reserves Act, 1858, so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are rendered thereby applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago."

5. *Coroners' Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to amend the Coroners' Act, 1858," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

6. *Auckland Reserves Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to amend the Auckland Reserves Act, 1858, so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are rendered thereby applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain."

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

7. *Registration of Deeds Validation Bill (Otago).—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago, be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

8. *New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question, That the New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Carleton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to alter and amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

9. *Committee on Waste Lands of the Crown.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee on the Waste Lands of the Crown, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

That the "Southland Waste Lands Act, 1864," affects the security of the guaranteed Loans of the Colony, by reducing value of the Waste Lands in the Province of Southland; that there is no other alteration in the Bill of the existing Land Regulations of that Province; and that the Committee recommend the Bill, subject to the amendment made by the Committee.

10. *Land for Roads Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Land for Roads Bill,

A Debate arose thereupon.

11. *Adjournment.*—It being half after Six, the House adjourned until Eight of the Clock.

And having met again at Eight of the Clock,

12. *Policy of the Government.*—According to Order, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on certain Resolutions in reference to the policy of the Government.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted (Mr. R. Graham's amendment) be so inserted, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes,

Ayes, 18.
Mr. Butler
Mr. Carleton
Mr. Colenso
Mr. G. Graham
Mr. R. Graham
Colonel Haultain
Mr. Henderson
Mr. Mason
Mr. Munro
Mr. O'Neill
Mr. O'Rorke
Mr. Russell
Mr. C. J. Taylor
Mr. Vogel
Mr. James Williamson
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. Wood
Mr. Gillies (Teller.)

Noes, 35.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Dillon Bell
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Brown
Mr. Cox
Mr. Curtis
Mr. Domett
Mr. Eyes
Dr. Featherston
Mr. FitzGerald
Mr. Fox
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mantell
Mr. Miles
Mr. Ormond
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Renall
Mr. Renolds
Mr. Rhodes
Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. A. J. Richmond
Mr. J. C. Richmond
Mr. Stafford
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Walker
Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Wayne
Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert, (Teller.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted (Honourable Major Atkinson's amendment) be so inserted, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Resolutions as amended be agreed to,

Mr. John Williamson moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words:—"That, considering the present financial embarrassments of the Colony, it is expedient that all unnecessary outlay of public money should be avoided; and, therefore, before any outlay shall be incurred in the removal of the Seat of Government, His Excellency the Governor be requested to dissolve the Assembly, in order that the question of the division of the Colony into separate Governments may be fully considered by the Electors of the whole Colony in the choice of their Representatives; and also, that copies of these Resolutions, together with the rejected clauses proposed by the Honourable Member for Franklin, be forwarded by Mr. Speaker to the several Superintendents and Speakers of Provincial Councils in the Colony."

Debate continued.

Mr. O'Neill moved and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Resolutions as amended be agreed to, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

So it was *Resolved*,—

(1.) That this House takes this occasion of expressing its loyalty and devotion to the Crown, its deep gratitude for the generous assistance rendered by the Mother Country to this Colony, and its cordial appreciation of the gallant services performed by Her Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in New Zealand.

(2.) That this House, having in its last Session accepted the decision of the Duke of Newcastle upon the subject of the responsibility of directing and controlling the Native Policy of the Colony, as imposed upon it by his Despatch No. 22, of the 26th February, 1863, which decision has been interpreted by the instructions to His Excellency the Governor, contained in Despatches No. 43, of 26th April, and No. 65, of 26th May, 1864, of the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, expresses its confident trust that these instructions were issued to meet a temporary emergency, and may lapse the moment a normal state of things shall be restored in the Colony.

(3.) That this House, without disputing the claim of the Imperial Government to exercise a reasonable control over policy upon which the restoration of peace must necessarily depend, whilst the Colony is receiving the aid of British troops for the suppression of internal disturbances, cannot shrink from the expression of its conviction, that the joint responsibility of Governor and Ministers has resulted in divided counsels, which have been productive of great evils to both races of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, and have entailed heavy and unnecessary expenditure both upon Great Britain and on New Zealand.

4. That

(4.) That the resources of New Zealand have been already heavily burthened, and their development retarded by the great sacrifices that have been entailed upon the Colony by the Native insurrection. That nevertheless the Colony is resolved to make every further possible effort to place itself in a position of self-defence against internal aggression, with a view to accept the alternative indicated by the Home Government, namely, the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces at the earliest possible period consistent with the maintenance of Imperial interests and the safety of the Colony; thereby enabling the Imperial Government to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor as may permit him to be guided entirely by the recommendations of his Constitutional Advisers in Native as well as in ordinary affairs, excepting upon such matters as may directly concern Imperial interests and the prerogative of the Crown.

(5.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the Clock, on Wednesday morning,

Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 1864.

13. *Orders of the Day postponed.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, *Ordered*, That Orders of the Day standing 3 to 12 on this day's Order Paper be postponed.

14. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—
Your Committee report that the Standing Orders have been complied with.

15. *Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—
Your Committee report that the Standing Orders have been complied with.

16. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. Reynolds: The Petition of Thomas Dick and George Turnbull, of Dunedin, for a Private Bill (Dunedin Waterworks Bill).
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. R. Graham: The Petition of the Superintendent of Auckland for a Private Bill (Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment Bill).
Petition received.

17. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Paterson have leave to bring in a Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes."
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday.

18. *Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That Mr. R. Graham and Mr. C. Taylor have leave to bring in a Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Superintendent of Auckland to issue Debentures on the security of the Auckland and Drury Railway, and for other purposes.
They accordingly brought in the said Bill, and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

19. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Act* 1863 *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act 1863 Amendment Bill;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

20. *New Zealand Banking Corporation (Limited) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the New Zealand Banking Corporation (Limited) Bill;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

21. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

22. *Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

23. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

24. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

25. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of the Honourable Major Richardson, *Ordered*, That Standing Order No. 58 be suspended, and that all notices of motion on this day's Order Paper be renewed for this day.

26. *Adjournment (Special).*—On motion of the Honourable Major Richardson, *Resolved*, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until half after Four of the Clock this day.

Then, the House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, December 7th, 1864.

Private Business:

1. Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
2. Dunedin Waterworks Bill—second reading.

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1. Mr. MANTELL to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether any applications have been received from the Native residents at Otaki and its neighbourhood for an alteration of the boundary between the Porirua and Manawatu districts?
2. Mr. CRACROFT WILSON, C.B., to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether, during the recess, the Government is prepared to take into consideration the "Debtors and Creditors Act, 1862," with a view to amending the same?
3. Mr. DOMETT to ask the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, How a sum of 1149 6s. 4d., returned in the Account-Current for 1862, as collected at Nelson in September quarter, 1862, under the "Gold Duty Act, 1858," was disposed of?
4. Mr. CROSBIE WARD to ask the Honourable the Minister for Colonial Defence, Whether the Government propose to issue any further Clothing to Volunteers in the Middle Island?
5. Mr. CARLETON to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Whether the fine inflicted on Hohepa, of Matauri, for an attempted rape on the daughter of a settler at Waihou, has been paid?

Government Business:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. FITZHERBERT to move, For leave to bring in a Bill for the raising of £1,000,000 by Treasury Bills.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Panama Mail Service Bill—second reading.
2. Land for Roads Bill—second reading.
3. Committee of Ways and Means.
4. Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
5. Masters and Servants Bill—second reading.
6. New Provinces Act Limitation Bill—second reading.
7. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
8. Militia Acts Amendments Bill—second reading.
9. Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
10. Coupons Bill—second reading.
11. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—second reading.
12. Coroners Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
13. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
14. Registration of Deeds Validation Bill—second reading.
15. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
16. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. O'RORKE to move, That the Petition of Maria Bickers be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
2. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of Timata be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Fox, Mr. Mantell, Mr. J. C. Richmond, Mr. Colenso, Mr. C. Brown, and Mr. Russell.
3. Mr. CARLETON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, those settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, are as well entitled to compensation as the Taranaki settlers.
4. Mr. VOGEL to move, in Committee of the whole House, That the Government should cause a survey at once to be made of a Line of Railway to connect the northern and southern extremities of the Middle Island; and that it should instruct the English agent to put himself into communication with the leading contracting and financial houses, with the view of ascertaining what facilities can be obtained at home in carrying out the construction of the Railway.
5. Mr. THOMSON to move, That the second reading of the "Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864," be made an Order of the Day for to-day.
6. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That all papers relative to the overtures which, in the Ministerial Minute of 30th August last (E—No. 2, p. 87) are stated to have been made by the Native Minister of Mr. Domett's Government to his colleagues, on the subject of placing Mr. Gorst in the Legislative Council, be laid on the Table.
7. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That the "Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill" be referred to the Crown Lands Committee.

8. Mr.

8. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That, in conformity with the Resolution of this House last Session, passed on the 3rd December, 1863, for the "Reconstruction of the Standing Orders of the House on the model of the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceedings of the House of Commons," Mr. Speaker be requested to complete during the recess the preparation of the new Standing Orders, in order that the same may be submitted to the House immediately after the opening of next Session.
9. Mr. CHARLES BROWN to move, That a copy be laid on the Table of a letter dated the 11th March last, No. 540, from the Deputy Adjutant-General of Militia to the Adjutant of Militia at Taranaki, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Waste Lands to take the subject of the same into consideration.
10. Mr. O'NEILL to move, That the Petition of Hugh Coolahan be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
11. Mr. MANTELL to move, For a copy of the Native Secretary's letter to Mr. Mantell, dated December 21st, 1863, No. 401, and of its enclosures; and of any subsequent correspondence between the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District and the Government on the subject of those enclosures. Also, for correspondence between the Government and the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District relative to any increase in his salary during the present year.
12. Mr. FITZGERALD to move, For leave to place on the Table of the House certain letters from Natives expressing their wish to be represented in the General Assembly,—and that the same be printed.
13. Mr. WILKIN to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that each Member of this House should be furnished with a copy of the Constitution Act, and of all amendments thereon.
14. Mr. DOMETT to move, For a Return of all receipts and expenditure on account of the Nelson Gold Fields under the "Gold Fields Act, 1858," and the "Gold Duty Act, 1858," up to the 30th September last, and of all payments into the Provincial Treasury of Nelson of balances accruing therefrom.
15. Mr. BRANDON to move, That the Petition of Henry William London and Charles London be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
16. Mr. COLENSO to move, That the papers laid on the Table by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary respecting Mr. Catchpool's claim to compensation be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
17. Mr. COLENSO to move for a Return of all sums expended for Native purposes in salaries, presents, loans, or otherwise, from 1st July, 1862—distinguishing, if possible, between rebel, neutral, and friendly Natives, and showing by whose authority each sum was expended: in continuation of the Return (E. No. 12) made to an order of the House of 24th July, 1862.
18. Mr. CHARLES J. TAYLOR to move, That the Petition of James Walmsley, Major Commanding Defence Force, be referred to the Committee on Petitions of the Colonial Defence Corps.
19. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of Thomas Leddra Wallis—also that of Hugh Coolahan—be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.
20. Mr. CARLETON to move, For a Return of all sums expended in Road-making north of Auckland since 1862; by whom each amount was expended; what length of road has been completed in each District; the description of road, whether through bush or fern land, and whether in continuation of established lines of main trunk roads, or otherwise. Also, copies of all correspondence between the Government and gentlemen who have been interested in the expenditure of such sums.
21. Mr. JOLLIE to move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable, at the earliest possible opportunity, to amend Sections 19 and 28 of the "Registration of Electors Act, 1858," so as to provide that the Revising Officer shall in all cases hold a Court within the District for which such revision is to be made (instead of either within or without, according to his own discretion, as at present); and in the case of Electoral Districts possessing a large constituency scattered over a wide tract of country, that such Court should be held at more than a single place and time within the District; and also, where there are many non-resident voters, at some place without such District convenient for their attendance.
22. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of the whole cost of the Colonial Defence Force, from its establishment under the Act of 1862 down to the date of its reduction by the late Government.
23. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of all persons who have been enrolled in the Colonial Defence Force, with the date of their appointment, their rank in the service, the rate of pay, and the Province to which they were attached; together with a separate Return of all officers and men belonging to such Force who have been discharged or dismissed from the service, the dates of such discharge or dismissal, and the previous notice given in each case.
24. Mr. RENALL to move, That all Correspondence between the Government and the Hutt Settlers, relative to the formation of No. 2 Volunteer Company, be laid upon the Table of this House.
25. Mr. C. BROWN to move, That the second reading of a Bill to confirm the Titles to certain Lands in the Town of New Plymouth given in exchange for other Lands, be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

Your

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made no alteration therein. They have corrected a clerical error in the Preamble, and a clerical error in the Title.

No report from any public Department was referred to the Committee. It is proposed that the Railway shall cross certain highways on the level, and the Committee have examined the engineers of the undertaking, and they are satisfied that it is expedient that the said level crossings should be allowed. The proposed Railway is of an inexpensive character, and passes through a country very nearly level. The gradients and curves are very favorable, and there are no engineering difficulties.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

2. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth :—

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made alterations therein restricting the promoters of the undertaking from deviating from the line as shown on the deposited plan. No Report from any Public Department was referred to the Committee. It is proposed that the Railway shall cross certain highways on the level, and the Committee have examined the Engineer of the undertaking, and they are satisfied it is expedient that the said level crossings should be allowed. The proposed Railway is of an inexpensive character, and passes through a country very nearly level. The gradients and curves are very favourable, and there are no engineering difficulties.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

3. *Bank of Auckland Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bank of Auckland Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth :—

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee on the Bill, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses, and have made no alterations therein.

And the same being read was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

4. *Bank of Otago (Limited) Amendment Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bank of Otago (Limited) Amendment Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth :—

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses of the Bill, and have made no alterations therein.

And the same being read was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Bank of Otago (Limited) Act, 1863."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

5. *Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth :—

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by the Committee, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses of the Bill, and have made no alterations therein.

And the same being read was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

6. *Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth :—

Your

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by them, and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have been through the Clauses of the Bill, and have made no alterations therein.

And the same being read was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

7. *The Auckland Cemetries Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Auckland Cemetries Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

In the opinion of the Committee, the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following particular:

No notices were served as required by Standing Order No. 24, and in the opinion of the Committee the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with, and the Promoters should be permitted to proceed with the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

8. *Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined, and that an alteration has been made therein by the Committee on the Bill; and that, as altered, the Preamble has been agreed to by the Committee; that the alteration made, consisted in the change of the name of the Company from the New Zealand Banking Corporation (Limited), to the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited); and that the Committee have gone through the Clauses of the Bill, and have made certain amendments therein.

And the same being read was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the Company to carry on its business, and issue notes in New Zealand."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

9. *Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Auckland and Drury Railway Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

10. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Dunedin Waterworks Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to the Committee of Selection.

11. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. Carleton: The Petition of seventeen inhabitants of the Bay of Islands.

Petition received.

(2.) By Mr. FitzGerald: The Petition of thirteen Natives, resident at Tauranga.

Ordered, That the said Petition be translated.

12. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

(1.) Return showing the amount realized from Intestate Estates annually, in the Province of Otago; being return to an Order of the 26th November, 1864.

(2.) Further Papers respecting the loss of H.M.S. "Orpheus," in continuation of papers presented on the 5th December, 1863.

(3.) Return of Rules and Regulations made under the Gold Fields Acts, in continuation of papers presented on the 5th December, 1863.

(4.) Letter from William Thompson to His Excellency the Governor.

Ordered, That the said papers be printed for the use of Members of this House.

13. *Committee on Crown Lands.*—Mr. J. C. Richmond, from the Committee on Crown Lands to whom was referred the Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864, and the Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1858, Amendment Act, 1864, brought up Reports, and the same were read as followeth:—

The Committee have made certain amendments in the Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864, subject to which they recommend it.

The Select Committee report that the Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1858, Amendment Act, 1864, is in accordance with the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Auckland, and that it does not affect the security of the guaranteed loans of the Colony. The Committee recommend the Bill, subject to the amendments which they have made therein.

14. *Debentures Bill.*—The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert moved, and the Question was proposed, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the raising of £1,000,000 by Treasury Bills.

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Motion.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

In

(In the Committee.)

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill for the raising of £1,000,000 by Treasury Bills. *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

And the Question being put thereon, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Carleton reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

15. *Panama Mail Service Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Panama Mail Service Bill;

The Honourable Major Richardson moved and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Vogel moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," and the insertion of the words "this House does not consider the Colony bound by the Contract entered into by Mr. Crosbie Ward with the Inter-Colonial Company, because that gentleman not only exceeded the instructions given to him by his Government, but assumed to possess powers beyond those which his Government could have given him without the consent of this House.

"(2.) That, taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, this House desires, as far as it is consistent with the welfare of the Colony, to meet the views of the Company in regard to entering into a Contract for carrying out a Panama Service; and for this purpose recommends the Government to ascertain the terms upon which the Company is willing to enter into a Contract, and to submit the proposal to the House at the earliest date next Session," in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Original Question being put,

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Gillies moved and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

And the House having continued to sit after Twelve of the Clock on Thursday morning,

Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1864.

Mr. John Williamson moved and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 10.	*Noes*, 28.
Mr. G. Graham	Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. R. Graham	Mr. Brandon
Mr. Henderson	Mr. Brown
Mr. Munro	Mr. Carleton
Mr. O'Neill	Mr. Colenso
Mr. O'Rorke	Mr. Cox
Mr. Renall	Mr. Eyes
Mr. James Williamson	Dr. Featherston
Mr. John Williamson	Mr. FitzGerald
Mr. Mantell (Teller.)	Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
	Mr. Fox
	Mr. Harrison
	Colonel Haultain
	Mr. Jollie
	Mr. Mason
	Mr. Ormond
	Mr. Paterson
	Mr. Reynolds
	Mr. Rhodes
	Mr. Waring Taylor
	Mr. Thomson
	Mr. Walker
	Mr. Crosbie Ward
	Mr. Wayne
	Mr. Wells
	Mr. Wilkin
	Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
	Hon. Major Richardson (Teller.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Mantell moved and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes,

Ayes, 7.
Mr. Mantell
Mr. Munro
Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Renall
Mr. Vogel
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. O'Rorke (Teller.)

Noes, 25.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Colenso
Mr. Cox
Mr. Curtis
Dr. Featherston
Mr. FitzGerald
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. R. Graham
Mr. Harrison
Colonel Haultain
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mason
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Reynolds
Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Walker
Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Wayne
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
Mr. Carleton (Teller.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Debate continued.

And the original Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 24.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Curtis
Mr. Cox
Mr. Domett
Dr. Featherston
Mr. FitzGerald
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mantell
Mr. Mason
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Renall
Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Rhodes
Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Walker
Mr. Wayne
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
Mr. Crosbie Ward (Teller).

Noes, 6.
Mr. Colenso
Mr. R. Graham
Mr. Munro
Mr. O'Neill
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. O'Rorke (Teller.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for To-day.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Fitzherbert,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 8th, 1864.

Private Business:

1. Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill—third reading.
2. Dunedin Waterworks Bill—third reading.
3. Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill—third reading.
4. Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill—third reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. FITZHERBERT to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor to raise the rate of interest on the New Zealand Loan, 1863.

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2. The Honourable Mr. FITZHERBERT to move the following Resolution in Committee of Supply :—That in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to accept the offer of the Imperial Government (as embodied in the Imperial Act of last Session) to guarantee One Million of the Loan of Three Millions authorised to be raised under the "New Zealand Loan Act, 1863," for the following reasons, viz. :—

   (1.) That the Act referred to requires the Colony to give a priority of charge in favour of such guaranteed Loan over charges previously created.

   (2.) The Imperial Act requires that the Territorial Revenue shall be included in the security, a measure which, in the opinion of the Committee, would be incompatible with subsisting arrangements with the Provinces, and would prejudice the securities for Provincial Loans.

   (3.) Further, That, in the opinion of this Committee, the Government be authorized to negotiate and arrange with the Imperial Government for a final adjustment of accounts, and for payment of whatever shall be the true and just balance found due from the Colony.
3. Mr. BRODIE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that an amended Customs Duties Act should be prepared by the Government during the recess; and that such amended Act should be submitted for the consideration of the House at its next sitting.
4. Mr. FITZGERALD to move, That the petition of Te Kau o Rehana and others having come before this House at a period of the Session when it is impossible that this House can make full inquiry into the facts; this House directs that the petition be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellancy will cause full inquiry to be made into the facts referred to by the petitioners, and will cause the results to be laid before the House at its next sitting.
5. Mr. C. BROWN to move, That the second reading of a Bill to confirm the Titles to certain Lands in the Town of New Plymouth given in exchange for other Lands, be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. Mr. MANTELL to move, For a copy of the Native Secretary's Letter to Mr. Mantell, dated December 21st, 1863, No. 401, and of its enclosures, and of any subsequent correspondence on the subject; also, for correspondence between the Government and the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District, relative to any increase in his salary.
7. Mr. O'NEILL to move, That the Petition of Hugh Coolahan be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
8. Mr. GILLIES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be taken by the Government during the recess to obtain a consolidation of the laws of New Zealand; and that this House will authorise any reasonable expenditure for that object.
9. Mr. VOGEL to move, That it is desirable the House should sit until the 18th December.
10. Mr. DOMETT to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of the Reserve west of Princes Street, in the City of Auckland, as a site for a Music Hall and other buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant of said land to certain persons for the purposes aforesaid.
11. Mr. COLENSO to move, That the papers laid on the Table by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary respecting Mr. Catchpool's claim to compensation be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
12. Mr. COLENSO to move for a Return of all sums expended for Native purposes, in salaries, presents, loans, or otherwise, from 1st July, 1862—distinguishing, if possible, between rebel, neutral, and friendly Natives, and showing by whose authority each sum was expended: in continuation of the Return (E. No. 12) made to an Order of the House of 24th July, 1862.
13. Mr. O'ROURKE to move, That the Petition of Maria Bickers be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Land for Roads Bill—second reading.
2. Panama Mail Service Bill—to be committed.
3. Resolution to be reported from Committee of Supply.
4. Committee of Ways and Means.
5. Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
6. Masters and Servants Bill—second reading.
7. New Provinces Act Limitation Bill—second reading.
8. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
9. Militia Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.
10. Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
11. Coupons Bill—second reading.
12. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—second reading.
13. Coroners Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
14. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
15. Registration of Deeds Validation Bill—second reading.
16. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
17. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.

Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Otago Fire and Marine Insurance Company Bill;

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Mr. Brodie moved and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.
And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

2. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Dunedin Waterworks Bill;

Mr. Reynolds moved and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee on the Dunedin Waterworks Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

Your Committee report that the allegations of the Preamble have been examined by them and have been proved to their satisfaction. The Committee have gone through the Clauses of the Bill, and have made no alterations therein.

On motion of Mr. Gillies, *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred back to the Committee for the reconsideration of Clauses 18, 20, 36, 37, and 40.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.

3. *Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Canterbury Great Northern Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Ashley in the said Province."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

4. *Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Canterbury Great Southern Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern Bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

5. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Colonel Haultain: The Petition of 15 Settlers in the Waikato.
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. FitzGerald: The Petition of Na Honana Te Maioha, of Orakei.
Petition received.
(3.) The Petition of 3 Natives of Taurarua.
Petition received.

6. *Papers.*—The Honourable Major Richardson laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—
(1.) Fifth Report on the Postal Service of New Zealand, 1863-4, by the Postmaster-General.
(2.) Correspondence relative to the Mail Service of New Zealand.
(3.) Papers relating to Provincial Loans, in continuation of Papers presented 19th October, 1863.

7. *Defence Force Committee.*—Mr. Ormond, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Defence Force Corps, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Colonial Defence Force Corps, have the honor to report, That having considered the subject referred to them, and taken all the evidence at their command bearing upon the subject, beg to report to the House that they are of opinion and would recommend that one month's pay, at the rate of 7s. 6d. per diem, be given to the members of the Colonial Defence Corps stationed in the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay, who were recently discharged at an extremely short notice.

They are further of opinion that the case of the officers of that Force, whose services were dispensed with, is one of extreme hardship, and deserves the immediate and favorable consideration of the Government.

8. *Audit Committee.*—Mr. Thomson, from the Audit Committee, brought up the following Report:—

Your Committee have the honor to report that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Colonial Treasurer for the year ended 30th June, 1863, and supplementary accounts under Appropriation Act for same year extending to 30th September, 1863;

Your Committee have to report that these accounts are entirely correct, but they feel bound to protest against the continuance of a system which involves so much delay in the preparation of the public accounts, and virtually withdraws them for all practical purposes from the inspection and control of the House of Representatives. In the present instance, your Committee have been examining the accounts of expenditure incurred under a Government which has long ceased to exist, and whose successors have since retired from office, while the large extraordinary expenditure of the past financial year is still unrecorded, though upwards of five months have elapsed since that year terminated.

Your Committee would strongly impress on the House the propriety of their issuing such instructions as shall prevent a recurrence of so unsatisfactory a state of things. The recommendations of former Committees appear to have been hitherto utterly disregarded, and your present Committee feel therefore bound to urge the necessity of action on the part of the House in stronger terms than they might otherwise have employed.

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Your Committee would urge the adoption of the system pointed out by the Audit Committee of last year, as one by which the accounts can be prepared with the least possible delay, by which the cumbrous and dangerous system of keeping accounts open after the period provided for in the Appropriation Act has expired, will be avoided, and by which all current financial engagements must be brought clearly under the consideration of the House when in Committee of Supply.

9. *Petition of Major Walmesley.*—On motion of Mr. C. J. Taylor, *Ordered*, That the Petition of James Walmesley, late Major Commanding Defence Force, be referred to the Committee on Petitions of the Colonial Defence Corps.

10. *Land for Roads Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land for Roads Bill;

The Honourable Major Atkinson moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Carleton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act enabling Lands to be taken for Roads and other Public Works through Native and other Districts of the Colony."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

11. *Panama Mail Service Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Panama Mail Service Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed, In line 3 to omit the word "any," with a view to insert the word "the" in lieu thereof. *(Mr. Gillies.)*

Amendment withdrawn.

Another amendment proposed, In line 6 between the words "same" and "being," to insert the words "subject to such modifications." *(Mr. Gillies.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed, In line 1, after the word "Governor," to insert the words "in Council." *(Hon. Major Richardson.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now report progress. *(Mr. FitzGerald.)*

And the Question being put thereon, it passed in the Negative.

Another amendment proposed. At the end of Clause 3 to add the following sub-sections:—

Provided always that (1.) The Governor is hereby empowered and required, with the assent of the said Company, to modify the said Contract with the said Company in the following particulars, that is to say: (2.) It shall not be imperative on the Government to enter into a Contract with the said Company for any Inter-Colonial or Inter-Provincial Service under the 27th Clause of the said Contract.

(3.) Nothing in the said Contract contained shall oblige the Colonial Government to continue the said Contract of the 28th May, 1858, after the expiration of the first period of seven years.

(4. The Colonial Government shall not be bound by the Inter-Provincial time table specified in the said Contract.

(5.) In the arrangement of the Time Table between Panama and Sydney the same shall be so arranged that the course of post between England and Sydney (both ways) shall not exceed four months. *(Hon. Major Richardson.)*

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 26.	*Noes*, 18.
Hon. Major Atkinson	Mr. Butler
Mr. Dillon Bell	Mr. Colenso
Mr. Brandon	Mr. G. Graham
Mr. Brown	Mr. R. Graham
Mr. Cox	Mr. Henderson
Mr. Curtis	Mr. Mason
Mr. Domett	Mr. Miles
Mr. Eyes	Mr. Munro
Dr. Featherston	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. FitzGerald	Mr. O'Rorke
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Rhodes

Mr

Mr. Mantell
Dr. Monro
Mr. Ormond
Mr. Paterson
Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. J. C. Richmond
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Walker
Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. Wilson, C.B.
Mr. A. Richmond (Teller).

Mr. Russell
Mr. Vogel
Mr. James Williamson
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. Wood
Mr. Gillies (Teller.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed, In line 2 to omit the words "or sums mentioned in the said Contract," with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following: "of sixty-three thousand pounds." *(Mr. Gillies.)*

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now report progress. *(Hon. Mr. Weld.)*

And the Question being put thereon, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

To report progress.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Carleton reported that the Committee had made progress, and had directed him to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will presently resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.*—Mr. Carleton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred back the Dunedin Waterworks Bill, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

Your Committee have reconsidered this Bill, and have made alterations therein, which are shown on the copy of the Bill hereunto annexed.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, *Resolved*, That this Report be now adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and Neighbourhood of Dunedin with Water, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a message requesting their concurrence.

13. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill intituled "An Act to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for works of a Public nature."

14. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to enable Provincial Legislatures to pass Laws authorising the compulsory taking of Land for works of a Public nature," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

15. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Honorable Mr. Weld moved, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Orders relating to the passing of Bills be suspended, and the Question being put the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 34.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Dillon Bell
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Brown
Mr. Cox
Mr. Curtis
Dr. Featherston
Mr. FitzGerald
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. Fox
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mantell
Mr. Miles
Mr. Ormond
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Renall
Mr. Rhodes

Noes, 1.
Mr. Gillies (Teller.)

Hon.

Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. A. J. Richmond
Mr. J. C. Richmond
Mr. Stafford
Mr. C. J. Taylor
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Wayne
Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
Mr. Carleton (Teller.)

The Division Lists having shown that two-thirds of the Members of the House were not present, under Standing Order No. 147, the Standing Orders were not suspended.

16. *Committee of Supply.*—The Order of the Day being read for receiving the Report of a Resolution from the Committee of Supply;

Mr. Carleton accordingly reported the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill for the raising of £1,000,000 by Treasury Bills.

And the said Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

17. *Debentures Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill for the raising of £1,000,000 by Treasury Bills.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

18. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That all those Standing Orders be suspended which are opposed to the bringing in of a Bill without notice, and to its passing through its different stages in one day, with a view to the immediate introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs."

19. *Committee of Ways and Means.*—The House, on motion of Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means, to consider of leave being given to bring in a Customs Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Honorable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill to alter the duties of Customs. *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

And the Question being put thereon, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Carleton reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the report be received forthwith.

Mr. Carleton accordingly reported the following Resolution:—That the Committee recommend that the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Duties of Customs.

And the Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

20. *The New Customs Duties Bill.—Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert do bring in a Bill to alter the Duties of Customs.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "chargeable," to insert the words "under previous Acts." *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with an amendment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Carleton reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the report be received forthwith.

And the same being read was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

21. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk to the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have concurred in a Bill intituled "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 9th, 1864.

1. Mr. BRODIE to ask, What construction the Government place on the first proviso contained in Clause 2 of the "Gold Duty Act, 1858;" and whether it is in the power of the Governor in Council now to suspend the collection of the duty upon gold.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. The Honourable Mr. FITZHERBERT to move the following Resolutions in Committee of Supply:—
That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to accept the offer of the Imperial Government (as embodied in the Imperial Act of last Session) to guarantee One Million of the Loan of Three Millions authorized to be raised under the "New Zealand Loan Act, 1863," for the following reasons, viz.:—

(1.) That the Act referred to requires the Colony to give a priority of charge in favour of such guaranteed Loan over charges previously created.

(2.) The Imperial Act requires that the Territorial Revenue shall be included in the security, a measure which, in the opinion of the Committee, would be incompatible with subsisting arrangements with the Provinces, and would prejudice the securities for Provincial Loans.

(3.) Further, That, in the opinion of this Committee, the Government be authorized to negotiate and arrange with the Imperial Government for a final adjustment of accounts, and for payment of whatever shall be the true and just balance found due from the Colony.

2. Mr. JOLLIE to move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable, at the earliest possible opportunity, to amend Sections 19 and 28 of the "Registration of Electors Act, 1858," so as to provide that the Revising Officer shall in all cases hold a Court within the District for which such revision is to be made (instead of either within or without, according to his own discretion, as at present); and in the case of Electoral Districts possessing a large constituency scattered over a wide tract of country, that such Court shall be held at more than a single place and time within the District; and also, where there are many non-resident voters, at some place without such District convenient for their attendance.

3. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of the whole cost of the Colonial Defence Force, from its establishment under the Act of 1862 down to the date of its reduction by the late Government.

4. Mr. JOLLIE to move, For a Return of all persons who have been enrolled in the Colonial Defence Force, with the date of their appointment, their rank in the Service, the rate of pay, and the Province to which they were attached; together with a separate Return of all officers and men belonging to such Force who had been discharged or dismissed from the service, the dates of such discharge or dismissal, and the previous notice given in each case.

5. Mr. FOX to move, That the Government do lay on the Table of this House all original letters in its possession signed or purporting to be signed by William Thompson, Waharoa, including the letter from him to Mr. Fox dated the 21st January, 1862, and a letter received about September, 1861, inviting His Excellency to visit Waikato.

6. Mr. FOX to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House a Return showing the names, tribes, and usual residences, of all Natives (if any) who may have accepted the terms of His Excellency's Proclamation of Amnesty up to the day limited for its duration, the 10th December instant.

Also, a Return of all tracts (if any) of land, giving the district, estimated area, geographical boundaries as far as can be done, which may have been ceded by any Natives under the above Proclamation, to the satisfaction of His Excellency and General Sir D. Cameron, K.C.B.

Also, a copy of any proclamation or declaration giving the extent of forfeiture of land intended to be made by the Governor, which may have been issued in pursuance of the instructions given him by the Right Hon. Mr. Cardwell, in his Despatch of the 26th April, 1864.

7. Mr. O'NEILL to move, That the Petition of Hugh Coolahan be referred to the Committee on Private Grievances.

8. Mr. COLENSO to move, That the papers laid on the Table by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary respecting Mr. Catchpool's claim to compensation be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.

9. Mr. COLENSO to move, For a Return of all sums expended for Native purposes in salaries, presents, loans, or otherwise, from 1st July, 1862—distinguishing, if possible, between rebel, neutral, and friendly Natives, and showing by whose authority each sum was expended: in continuation of the Return (E. No. 12) made to an Order of the House of 24th July, 1862.

10. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That all papers relative to the overtures which, in the Ministerial Minute of 30th August last (E.—No. 2, p. 87) are stated to have been made by the Native Minister of Mr. Domett's Government to his Colleagues on the subject of placing Mr. Gorst in the Legislative Council, be laid on the Table.

11. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, That, in conformity with the Resolution of this House last Session, passed on the 3rd December, 1863, for the "Reconstruction of the Standing Orders of this House on

on the model of the Rules, Orders,and Forms of Proceedings of the House of Commons," Mr. Speaker be requested to complete during the recess the preparation of the New Standing Orders, in order that the same may be submitted to the House immediately after the opening of next Session.

12. Mr. ORMOND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of the late Members of the Colonial Defence Corps of the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay, be adopted.
13. Mr. CARLETON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, those Settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, are as well entitled to compensation as the Taranaki Settlers.
14. Mr. THOMSON to move, That the second reading of the "Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864," be made an Order of the Day for to-day.
15. Mr. O'RORKE to move, That the Petition of Maria Bickers be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
16. Colonel HAULTAIN to move, That as it appears now impossible for this House to investigate the Petitions which have been received during this Session from Settlers in the Auckland Province, who complain of having suffered losses and sustained injuries during the late disturbances, this House directs that the Petitions be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause full enquiry to be made into the facts referred to by the Petitioners, and will cause the results to be laid before the House at its next sitting.
17. Mr. FITZGERALD to move, For leave to place on the Table of the House certain letters from Natives expressing their wish to be represented in the General Assemly,—and that the same be printed.
18. Mr. VOGEL to move, That it is desirable the House should sit until the 18th December.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Debenture Bill—second reading.
2. Panama Mail Service Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
3. Coupons Bill—second reading.
4. Committee of Ways and Means.
5. Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
6. Masters and Servants Bill—second reading.
7. New Provinces Act Limitation Bill—second reading.
8. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
9. Militia Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.
10. Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
11. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—second reading.
12. Coroners Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
13. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
14. Registration of Deeds Validation Bill—second reading.
15. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
16. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.
17. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—second reading.

Friday, the 9th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Leave of Absence to Mr. Speaker.*—Mr. Carleton communicated to the House a letter from Mr. Speaker, requesting the House to grant him leave of absence during the remainder of the Session.

   On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Speaker for the remainder of the Session, and that Mr. Chairman of Committees do act as Speaker in his absence.

2. *Chairman of Committees.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That Mr. O'Rorke do act as Chairman of Committees for the remainder of this Session.

3. *Imperial Guarantee to Loan.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, *Ordered*, That the following Resolutions be considered in the Committee of Supply, viz.:—That in the opinion of this Committee it is not expedient to accept the offer of the Imperial Government (as embodied in the Imperial Act of last Session) to guarantee One Million of the Loan of Three Millions authorized to be raised under the "New Zealand Loan Act 1863," for the following reasons, viz.:—

   (1.) That the Act referred to requires the Colony to give a priority of charge in favour of such guaranteed Loan over charges previously created.

   (2.) The Imperial Act requires that the Territorial Revenue shall be included in the security, a measure which, in the opinion of the Committee, would be incompatible with subsisting arrangements with the Provinces, and would prejudice the securities for Provincial Loans.

   (3.) Further, That in the opinion of this Committee, the Government be authorised to negotiate and arrange with the Imperial Government for a final adjustment of accounts, and for payment of whatever shall be the true and just balance found due from the Colony.

   The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made and Question proposed,—

1. That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to accept the offer of the Imperial Government

Government (as embodied in the Imperial Act of last Session), to guarantee One Million of the Loan of Three Millions authorised to be raised under the "New Zealand Loan Act, 1863," for the following reasons, viz.: because the Act referred to requires the Colony to give a priority of charge in favour of such guaranteed Loan over charges previously created, and also requires that the Territorial Revenue shall be included in the security,—a measure which, in the opinion of the Committee, would be incompatible with subsisting arrangements with the Provinces, and would prejudice the securities for Provincial Loans.

2. Further,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, the Government be authorised to negotiate and arrange with the Imperial Government for a final adjustment of accounts, and for payment of whatever shall be the true and just balance found due from the Colony. *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

And the Question being put thereon, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolutions to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the report be received To-morrow.

4. *Suspension of Standing Orders.*—On motion of Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, *Resolved*, That all those Standing Orders be suspended which are opposed to the passing of Bills through their different stages in one day, with a view to the immediate passing of the Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863, and the Bill entituled An Act for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures, through their different stages.

5. *Rate of Interest Bill.*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Question, That he have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863."

(In the Committee.)

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert have leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor to raise the rate of Interest on the New Zealand Loan 1863. *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

And the Question being put thereon, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. O'Rorke accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, leave be granted to the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert to introduce a Bill entituled "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863."

And the Report being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert do bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the "New Zealand Loan Act, 1863."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

6. *Debentures Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Debentures Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the figures "£1,000,000," to insert the words "in anticipation of such Loan." *(Mr. Wood.)*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended read and agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "sum," to insert the words "and shall be signed and issued by such Agent or Agents." *(Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.)*

Amendment

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the words "think fit," with a view to substitute the word "appoint" in lieu thereof. (*Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4, 5, and 6, read and agreed to.

Clause 7 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "payable," to insert the words "at a place and." (*Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "some," with a view to insert the word "a" in lieu thereof. (*Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, to omit the word "certain." (*Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.*

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8, 9, 10, and 11, read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

The same was accordingly received and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

7. *Colonial Defence Force Committee.*—Mr. Ormond, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Members of the Auckland Colonial Defence Force Corps lately discharged, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

That having considered the subject referred to them, and taken all the evidence at their command bearing upon the subject, they are of opinion, and would recommend, that one month's pay, at the rate of 5s. per diem, be granted to the men of the Auckland Defence Force lately discharged; and further, that the case of the Officers of that Force whose services were dispensed with, the Committee deem it one of great hardship, and deserves the immediate and favourable consideration of the Government.

8. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

(1.) Further Papers relative to Native Affairs, in continuation of papers presented on the 26th November.

(2.) Further Papers relative to Native Affairs.

The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

(3.) Papers relative to Provincial Loans, in continuation of papers presented on the 19th October, 1863.

(4.) Correspondence relating to disallowance of Provincial Bills.

(5.) Correspondence relative to the introduction of Emigrants into New Zealand.

9. *Postponement of Notices of Motion.*—On motion of Mr. Thomson, *Ordered*, That Notices of Motion standing 1 to 13 inclusive, on this day's Order Paper, be postponed.

10. *Canterbury Waste Lands Bill.*—On motion of Mr. Thomson, *Ordered*, That the second reading of the Canterbury Waste Lands Bill be made an Order of the Day for To-day.

11. *Registration of Electors Act*, 1858.—On motion of Mr. Jollie, *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable, at the earliest possible opportunity, to amend Sections 19 and 28 of the "Registration of Electors Act, 1858," so as to provide that the Revising Officer shall in all cases hold a Court within the District for which such revision is to be made (instead of either within or without, according to his own discretion, as at present); and in the case of Electoral Districts possessing a large constituency scattered over a wide tract of country, that such Court should be held at more than a single place and time within the District; and also, where there are many non-resident voters, at some place without such District convenient for their attendance.

12. *Colonial Defence Force.*—On motion of Mr. Jollie, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table a Return of the whole cost of the Colonial Defence Force, from its establishment under the Act of 1862, down to the date of its reduction by the late Government, shewing the cost separately for each of the Provinces of Wellington, Auckland, and Hawke's Bay.

Also,—For a Return of all persons who have been enrolled in the Colonial Defence Force, with the date of their appointment, their rank in the service, the rate of pay, and the Province to which they were attached; together with a separate Return of all officers and men belonging to such Force who have been discharged or dismissed from the service; the period for which they were engaged; the dates of such discharge or dismissal; and the previous notice given in each case.

13. *Native Affairs.*—On motion of Mr. Fox, *Ordered*, That the Government do lay on the Table of this House all original letters in its possession signed, or purporting to be signed, by William Thompson, Waharoa, including the letter from him to Mr. Fox dated the 21st January, 1862, and a letter received about September, 1861, inviting His Excellency to visit Waikato.

14. *Terms of Peace.*—On motion of Mr. Fox, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing the names, tribes, and usual residences of all Natives (if any) who may have accepted the terms of His Excellency's Proclamation of Amnesty up to the day limited for its duration, the 10th December instant.

Also, a Return of all tracts (if any) of land, giving the district, estimated area, geographical boundaries as far as can be done, which may have been ceded by any Natives under the above Proclamation, to the satisfaction of His Excellency and General Sir D. Cameron, K.C.B.

Also, a copy of any proclamation or declaration giving the extent of forfeiture of land intended to be made by the Governor, which may have been issued in pursuance of the instructions given him by the Right Hon. Mr. Cardwell, in his Despatch of the 26th April, 1864.

15. *Petition of Hugh Coolahan.*—On motion of Mr. O'Neill, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Hugh Coolahan be referred to the Committee of Private Grievances.

16. *Mr. Catchpool's Claim.*—On motion of Mr. Colenso, *Ordered*, That the Papers laid upon the Table by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, respecting Mr. Catchpool's claim to compensation, be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.

17. *Native Affairs.*—On motion of Mr. Colenso, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table a Return of all sums expended for Native purposes in salaries, presents, loans, or otherwise, from 1st July 1862, distinguishing (if possible) between rebel, neutral, and friendly natives, and shewing by whose authority each sum was expended; in continuation of the Return (E.—No. 12) made to an Order of the House, of 24th July, 1862.

18. *Papers relative to placing Mr. Gorst in Legislative Council.*—Mr. Dillon Bell moved, and the Question was proposed, That all papers relative to the overtures which, in the Ministerial Minute of 30th August last (E.—No. 2, page 87), are stated to have been made by the Native Minister of Mr. Domett's Government to his colleagues, on the subject of placing Mr. Gorst in the Legislative Council, be laid on the Table.

A Debate arose thereupon.

It being three of the clock, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

19. *Adjournment.*—Mr. Dillon Bell moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

20. *Panama Mail Service Bill.*—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Panama Mail Service Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4 again read. Mr. Gillies' amendment withdrawn.

Clause 5 read and agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: In line 16 to omit the words "said Company," with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following words:—"Inter-Colonial Royal Mail Steam Company (limited)."
(*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 29 to omit the words "the said" between the words "with" and "Crosbie." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed: In line 30, to omit the words "then the Postmaster General of the Colony of New Zealand." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 31, after the word "purported," to insert the words, "as Postmaster-General of the Colony of New Zealand." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: At the end of the Preamble to insert the following words:—"And whereas the said Contract is not legally binding on the Colony of New Zealand, but it is expedient that the said Contract, subject to such modifications as are hereinafter provided, should be adopted by the Colony." (*Mr. Reynolds.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Preamble as amended stand part of the Bill, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 27.	*Noes*, 13.
Hon. Major Atkinson	Mr. Colenso
Mr. Brandon	Mr. Fox
Mr. Brodie	Mr. Gillies
Mr. Brown	Mr. George Graham
Mr. Curtis	Col. Haultain
Mr. Domett	Mr. Munro
Dr. Featherston	Mr. Paterson
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert	Mr. Russell
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stafford
Mr. Jollie	Mr. Vogel

Mr.

Mr. Mantell
Mr. Miles
Mr. Ormond
Mr. Renall
Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. A. J. Richmond
Mr. J. C. Richmond
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Wayne
Mr. Walker
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
Mr. Cox
Mr. FitzGerald (Teller).

Mr. James Williamson
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. Reynolds (Teller.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Preamble as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Mr. FitzGerald moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to the Committee of the whole House.

And the Question being put, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 16.
Mr. Dillon Bell
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Domett
Dr. Featherston
Mr. FitzGerald
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. Fox
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mantell
Mr. Renall
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Walker
Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Cracroft Wilson, C.B.
Mr. Crosbie Ward (Teller).

Noes, 26.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Brown
Mr. Colenso
Mr. Cox
Mr. Curtis
Mr. Gillies
Mr. G. Graham
Mr. Miles
Mr. Munro
Mr. Ormond
Mr. O'Rorke
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Rhodes
Hon. Major Richardson
Mr. A. J. Richmond
Mr. J. C. Richmond
Mr. Russell
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Vogel
Mr. Wayne
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. James Williamson
Mr. John Williamson
Colonel Haultain (Teller).

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honourable Major Richardson, *Resolved*, That all those Standing Orders be suspended which are opposed to the passing of Bills through their different stages in one day, with a view to the immediate passing of the Panama Mail Service Bill through its different stages.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith; and the same being read was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for enabling the Governor to carry into effect a Postal Service with Great Britain, by way of Panama."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

21. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act to extend certain provisions of the Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861."

A Bill intituled, "An Act for the Naturalization of certain Persons in the Colony of New Zealand."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to continue the Arms Act, 1860 (Temporary)."

22. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council intituled "An Act to extend certain Provisions of the Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

23. *Naturalization Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council intituled "An Act for the Naturalization of certain Persons in the Colony of New Zealand," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

24. *Arms Act Continuance (Temporary) Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council intituled "An Act to continue the Arms Act, 1860 (Temporary)," be now read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

25. *Reserved Acts.*—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that—

The Civil List Act, 1863;
The Provincial Councils Powers Extension Act, 1863;
The Auckland Waste Lands Regulations Amendment Act, 1863;
The Marlborough Waste Lands Regulations Amendment Act, 1863;
The Wellington and Hawke's Bay Naval and Military Settlers' Act, 1863;
The Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1863;
The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1863 (No. 1);
The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1863 (No. 2);
The Southland Waste Lands Act, 1863;

passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, and reserved by His Excellency the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, have been assented to by Her Majesty in Council; that Proclamations of such assent having been given have been made by His Excellency in the *New Zealand Gazette*; and that, in conformity with the requirements of the 59th Section of the Constitution Act, those Proclamations would be entered on the Journals of this House:—

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to alter the Civil List,"

was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do by this Proclamation signify and proclaim to all to whom it may concern that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand at Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification

signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to enable Provincial Councils to make laws affecting Public Roads and Watercourses," was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it my concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas certain Bills passed by the Legislalative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to amend the Waste Lands Act of the Province of Auckland"

"An Act to amend the Regulations in force in the Province of Marlborough for the Sale and Disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the said Province," and

"An Act to repeal Clause 15 'Waste Lands Act, 1858,' Section VII., Clause 28 of the General Land Regulations for the Sale of Waste Lands in New Zealand, proclaimed 4th March, 1853, and the 'Hawke's Bay Naval and Military Settlers Act, 1861,' so far as they affect the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay"

were presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bills were reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bills have been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-ninth day of August, in the of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to regulate the Sale, Letting, Disposal, and Occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Nelson,"

was

was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this fourteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
FRED. WHITAKER. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the Sale, Letting, Occupation, and Disposal of Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Otago"

"An Act to impose a Tax upon all Rural Lands in the Province of Otago to be sold under the 'Otago Waste Lands Act, 1863,' and to make certain provisions respecting lands heretofore sold under conditions for the improvement thereof"

were presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bills were reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bills have been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twentieth day of September, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled

"An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the Sale, Letting, Occupation, and Disposal of Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Southland"

was presented to the Governor of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

26. *Coupons Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Coupons Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "and for the Superintendent of any Province." (*Mr. John Williamson.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, to omit the words "or by the Provincial Legislature." (*Mr. Colenso.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "Debentures," to insert the following, "and any Officer or other person whose signature may be required thereto." (*Hon. Major Richardson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "such," to insert the word "Governor." (*Hon. Major Richardson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 3, after the word "Superintendent," to insert the words "or other person." (*Hon. Major Richardson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read and agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Commitee had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

27. *Sheriff's Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1, 2, and 3, read and agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 6, to strike out the words "Provided that," with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following words, "and it shall be the duty of." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, to omit the words "or Bailiff shall." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 6, between the words "forthwith" and "pay," to insert the word "to." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the words "into Court to be paid." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 7, to omit the words "Plaintiff or person entitled thereto according to the order of the Court," with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following words, "Execution Creditor or his Executor." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble read. Amendment proposed: To add the words "and it is also expedient that the duties and responsibilities of Sheriffs in New Zealand in respect of the execution of writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum* should be altered." (*Mr. Gillies.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble as amended agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

28. *Masters and Servants Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Masters and Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

29. *New Provinces Act Limitation Bill*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the New Provinces Act Limitation Bill;

Mr. Reynolds moved, and the Question was proposed, That the New Provinces Act Limitation Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Mantell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," and the addition of the words "this day six months" at the end thereof.

Debate ensued.

And the Question being put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 15.
Mr. Cox
Mr. Eyes
Mr. Munro
Mr. O'Neill
Mr. O'Rorke
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Walker
Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Wayne
Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. Thomson (Teller).

Noes, 22.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Brown
Mr. Colenso
Mr. Curtis
Mr. Domett
Dr. Featherston
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. Fox
Mr. G. Graham
Mr. R. Graham
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mason
Mr. A. J. Richmond
Mr. Russell
Mr. Stafford
Mr. C. J. Taylor
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Vogel
Mr. Mantell (Teller).

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Mr. Crosbie Ward moved, That instead of the words "this day six months," the word "to-morrow" be substituted in lieu thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 16.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Brown
Mr. Colenso
Mr. Curtis
Mr. Domett
Mr. R. Graham
Mr. Harrison
Mr. Jollie
Mr. Mantell
Mr. J. C. Richmond
Mr. Russell
Mr. Stafford
Mr. C. J. Taylor
Mr. Vogel
Mr. G. Graham (Teller).

Noes, 22.
Mr. Brandon
Mr. Colenso
Mr. Cox
Mr. Eyes
Dr. Featherston
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. Fox
Mr. Mason
Mr. Munro
Mr. O'Neill
Mr. O'Rorke
Mr. Paterson
Mr. Reynolds
Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Walker
Mr. Wayne
Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Wells
Mr. Wilkin
Mr. John Williamson
Mr. Crosbie Ward (Teller).

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the word proposed to be added be so added,

Mr. Vogel moved, and the Question was proposed, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 19.
Hon. Major Atkinson
Mr. Brodie
Mr. Brown
Mr. Colenso
Mr. Domett
Mr. Gillies

Noes, 21.
Mr. Cox
Mr. Eyes
Dr. Featherston
Mr. FitzGerald
Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert
Mr. Fox

Mr.

Mr. G. Graham	Mr. Mason
Mr. R. Graham	Mr. Munro
Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Rorke
Mr. Jollie	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Mantell	Mr. Reynolds
Mr. O'Neill	Mr. Waring Taylor
Mr. Ormond	Mr. Thomson
Mr. J. C. Richmond	Mr. Crosbie Ward
Mr. Russell	Mr. Walker
Mr. Stafford	Mr. Wayne
Mr. C. J. Taylor	Hon. Mr. Weld
Mr. Vogel	Mr. Wells
Mr. Curtis (Teller.)	Mr. Wilkin
	Mr. John Williamson
	Mr. Brandon (Teller.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted,

Mr. Thomson moved the Previous Question.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

30. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk to the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have concurred, without any Amendment, in the Bill intituled "An Act for enabling the Governor to carry into effect a Postal Service with Great Britain by way of Panama."

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills with certain Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863."

A Bill intituled, "An Act for enabling Land to be taken for Roads, and other public purposes, through Native and other Districts of the Colony." And also,—

The Legislative Council have concurred without any Amendment in the following Bills, which they return to the House of Representatives as Bills of Supply:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act for raising £1,000,000 by Debentures."

A Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the Governor to increase the Rate of Interest on Monies to be hereafter raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863." And also,—

The Legislative Council have concurred in the following Private Bills:—

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern bank of the River Ashley in the said Province."

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury to construct a Railway between the City of Christchurch and the Northern bank of the River Rakaia in the said Province."

31. *New Zealand Settlements Bill.—Ordered,* That the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the New Zealand Settlements Bill be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

32. *Land for Roads and Public Works Bill.—Ordered,* That the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Land for Roads and Public Works Bill be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

33. *Adjournment (Special.)*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved,* That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until To-morrow at noon.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Saturday, December 10th, 1864.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. MANTELL to move, For a copy of the Native Secretary's letter to Mr. Mantell, dated December 21st, 1863, No. 401, and of its enclosures; and of any subsequent correspondence between the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District and the Government on the subject of those enclosures; also, for correspondence between the Government and the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District relative to any increase in his salary during the present year.
2. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of Timata be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause inquiry to be made into the facts referred to by the petitioner.
3. Mr. THOMSON to move, That Mr. Speaker do direct the Auditor of Public Accounts to furnish a certificate of the correctness of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Financial year ended 30th June, 1863,—and that Mr. Speaker be authorized to countersign the same.
4. Mr. O'RORKE to move, That the Petition of Maria Bickers be referred to the Private Grievance Committee.
5. Mr. DOMETT to move, For leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of the Reserve west of Princes' Street, in the City of Auckland, as a site for a Music Hall and other

other buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant of the said land to certain persons for the purposes aforesaid.

6. Colonel HAULTAIN to move, That as it appears now impossible for this House to investigate the Petitions which have been received during this Session from Settlers in the Auckland Province who complain of having suffered losses and sustained injuries during the late disturbances, this House directs that the Petitions be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, praying that his Excellency will cause full inquiry to be made into the facts referred to by the Petitioners, and will cause the result to be laid before the House at its next sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Resolutions to be reported from the Committee of Supply.
2. Wild Birds Protection Bill—second reading.
3. Naturalization Bill—second reading.
4. Arms Act Continuance Bill—second reading.
5. Coupons Bill—to be reported.
6. Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill—to be reported.
7. New Zealand Settlements Bill—consideration of Amendments by the Legislative Council.
8. Land for Roads Bill—consideration of Amendments by the Legislative Council.
9. Committee of Ways and Means.
10. Canterbury Waste Lands Amendment Bill.
11. Petty Sessions Bill—second reading.
12. Militia Acts Amendment Bill—second reading.
13. Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
14. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—second reading.
15. Coroners Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
16. Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill—second reading.
17. Registration of Deeds Validation Bill—second reading.
18. Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill—second reading.
19. Wellington Government Offices Bill—second reading.
20. Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill—second reading.

Saturday, the 10th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. R. Graham: The Petition of S. Clark.
Petition received.
(2.) By Colonel Haultain: The Petition of W. M. Tizard, of Hokianga, Settler.
Petition received.

2. *Papers.*—The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—
(1.) Papers respecting the apportionment of the debt between the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay, in continuation of Papers presented on the 28th October, 1863.
The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—
(2.) Letter from William Thompson to His Excellency the Governor relative to terms of peace.
The Honourable Major Atkinson laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—
(3.) Letter from Wiremu Nero Te Awataia to Hamiora Naropi, relative to a meeting at Raglan of Whaingaroa, Aotea, and Kawhia Chiefs.
Mr. FitzGerald laid upon the Table, by leave of the House,—
(4.) Letters he had received from certain Natives relative to their having seats in this House.

3. *Resident Magistrate at Manawatu.*—On motion of Mr. Mantell, *Ordered*, That there be laid on the Table, a copy of the Native Secretary's letter to Mr. Mantell, dated December 21st, 1863, No. 401, and of its enclosures; and of any subsequent correspondence between the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District and the Government on the subject of those enclosures; also, for correspondence between the Government and the Resident Magistrate of the Manawatu District relative to any increase in his salary during the present year.

4. *Petition of Timata.*—On motion of Mr. John Williamson, *Resolved*, That inquiry ought to be made by the Government into the facts referred to in the Petition of Timata, the Petition of Henare Hepene, and Te Repe, the Petition of Na Honana Te Maioho, and the Petitions of Te Kou o Rehua and others, in order that the results may be laid before the House at its next Session.

5. *Audit Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Brodie, *Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do direct the Auditor of Public Accounts to furnish a certificate of the correctness of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 30th June, 1863; and that Mr. Speaker be authorised to countersign the same.

6. *Petition of Maria Bickers.*—Mr. O'Rorke moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of Maria Bickers be referred to the Committee of Private Grievances.
The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

7. *Albert Hall Bill.*—*Ordered*, That Mr. Domett have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to

to set apart a portion of the Reserve west of Princes Street, in the City of Auckland, as a site for a Music Hall and other Buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant of the said Land to certain persons for the purposes aforesaid.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, and to be printed.

8. *Compensation to Settlers in Auckland Province.*—On motion of Colonel Haultain, *Resolved*, That as it appears now impossible for this House to investigate the Petitions which have been received during this Session from Settlers in the Auckland Province, who complain of having suffered losses and sustained injuries during the late disturbances, this House directs that the Petitions be referred to the Government with a view to their causing full enquiry to be made into the facts stated by the Petitioners, and that the Government be requested to lay the results before the House at its next Session.

9. *Guaranteed Loan.*—The Order of the Day being read for receiving the Report of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Supply;

Mr. O'Rorke accordingly reported the following Resolutions:—

Resolved (1.) That in the opinion of this Committee, it is not expedient to accept the offer of the Imperial Government (as embodied in the Imperial Act of last Session) to guarantee one million of the Loan of Three Millions authorised to be raised under the New Zealand Loan Act, 1863, for the following reasons, viz.: because the Act referred to requires the Colony to give a priority of charge in favour of such guaranteed loan over charges previously created, and also requires that the territorial revenue shall be included in the security, a measure which, in the opinion of the Committee, would be incompatible with subsisting arrangements with the Provinces, and would prejudice the securities for Provincial Loans.

(2.) Further, that in the opinion of this Committee, the Government be authorised to negotiate and arrange with the Imperial Government for a final adjustment of accounts, and for payment of whatever shall be the true and just balance found due from the Colony.

And the Resolutions being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

10. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Wild Birds' Protection Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, after the word "Duck," to add the words "Paradise Duck or Pigeon." (*Mr. Stafford.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: "In line 2, to omit the words "between the thirty-first day of March and the first day of August," with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following, "during the months of April, May, June, and July." (*Mr. Stafford.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 read. Amendment proposed: In line 4, after the word "twenty," to insert the words "nor less than two." (*Mr. Stafford.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, between the words "shall" and "commit," to insert the words "at any time." (*Mr. James Williamson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "land," to insert the words, "accompanied by a dog, or armed with a gun, net, or other implement adapted for the purpose of being used." (*Mr. Stafford.*)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed: In line 5, to omit the word "twenty," with a view to insert the word "two," in lieu thereof. (*Mr. Stafford.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 2, after the word "other," to insert the word "imported." (*Mr. Brandon.*)

Amendment negatived.

Clause as printed agreed to.

Clause 6 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, before the words "this Act," to insert the words "the second Section of." (*Mr. Stafford.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

11. *Naturalization*

11. *Naturalization Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Naturalization Bill,

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Commitee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1, 2, and 3, read and agreed to.

Schedule A read. Amendment proposed: To substitute the date "1st October, 1864," for the date 24th October, 1854," as the date of the Naturalization of James Osgood, Utica, State of New York, America. (*Mr. Brandon.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule B read. Amendment proposed: To add the words "Francis Morene, France, sawyer, Rangiora, 1st November, 1859." (*Hon. Major Richardson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

12. *Arms Act Continuance Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Arms Act Continuance Bill,

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to continue the Arms Act, 1860."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without any amendment.

13. *Coupons Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Coupons Bill;

The same was accordingly received and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of stamps."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

14. *New Zealand Settlements Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the New Zealand Settlements Bill;

The same were accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

15. *Land for Roads Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Land for Roads Bill,

The same were accordingly read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

16. *Committee of Ways and Means.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

17. *Canterbury Waste Lands Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Canterbury Waste Lands Amendment Bill,

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Canterbury."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

18. *Sheriffs' Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Sheriffs' Act Amendment Bill;

The same was accordingly received and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following be the Title of the Bill:—

"An Act to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858, as to Fees of Sheriffs."

Mr. Gillies moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "as to Fees of Sheriffs."

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Title be, "An Act to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

19. *Petty Sessions Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Petty Sessions Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

20. *Militia Acts Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Militia Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

21. *Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill;

Mr. Dillon Bell moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Southland Waste Lands Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, it passed in the Negative.

22. *Auckland Waste Lands Act* (1858) *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill,

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Clause 5 read. Amendment proposed: In line 1, to omit the words "the passing of this Act," with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following, "the signification of the Assent of Her Majesty having been given to this Act." (*Mr. R. Graham.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 read and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Clause be added to the Bill:—

"This Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's pleasure shall have been taken thereon, and the same shall have been confirmed by Her Majesty with the advice of Her Privy Council, and a Proclamation of such confirmation having been given, shall have been made by the Governor or person administering the Government of New Zealand." (*Mr. R. Graham.*)

And the Question being put thereon, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Preamble read and agreed to.

To report the Bill with amendments.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

23. *Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Bill,

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Auckland Reserves Act, 1858, so far as concerns certain Lands, the proceeds of which are rendered thereby applicable to the improvement of the Auckland Domain."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without any amendment.

24. *Registration of Deeds Validation Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Registration of Deeds Validation Bill;

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The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to Validate certain acts done by R. H. Forman, as Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Otago."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without any amendment.

25. *Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Suppression of Rebellion Act Repeal Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

26. *Wellington Government Offices Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Wellington Government Offices Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

27. *Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

28. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk to Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council have concurred in a Private Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of Auckland, and for other purposes."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Company called the Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business in New Zealand."

A Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited), and to enable the said Company to carry on its business and issue Notes in New Zealand."

29. *House Committee.*—Mr. Dillon Bell, from the House Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

The House Committee beg to report that they are of opinion that the furniture belonging to the General Assembly should be valued, and that the value should be charged against the Province of Auckland, should the Province desire to retain it, otherwise it should be sold by auction.

30. *Adjournment (Special).*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Monday next at two o'clock.

31. *Private Grievance Committee.*—Mr. Jollie, from the Committee on Private Grievances, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

(1.) *Petition of James Gilberd:*

The Petitioner, who recently occupied premises in Princes Street, Auckland, nearly adjoining the Government Buildings, where he carried on, by means of steam machinery, the business of a sash and door manufacturer, prays for compensation for losses sustained by him in consequence of his removal from such premises under an Injunction by the Supreme Court, (made at the instance of the late Attorney-General, Mr. Whitaker,) restraining him from carrying on his business by means of such machinery, on the ground of its being worked at the imminent risk of the destruction by fire of the Government offices and records. The business of the Petitioner, it seems, has been carried on in the same spot from a very early period in the history of the Colony, but until the year 1859 without the aid of steam. In the course of the same year the present Government Buildings began to be used, and as more room came to be required for the public service, these have gradually approached nearer and nearer to the Petitioner's premises. Fires have occasionally occurred on these premises, the occurrence of, and the constant further liability to which, have naturally, from time to time, caused considerable apprehension for the safety of the Public Records,—although it would appear that water in considerable quantities was retained by Petitioner on the spot, and that he also partly paid a night-watch established by the Government as a precautionary measure.

In June of this year, after an offer had been made and declined, for Petitioner's voluntary removal from the place, upon the Government paying him the sum of £100, an Injunction was applied for and granted, restraining him from carrying on his trade longer in that locality by the aid of steam. The Petitioner had thereupon to look out for other premises, and remove thereto, which, as he alleges, and no doubt truly, involved him in very great expense and inconvenience. For this he now seeks such relief as the House of Representatives may deem just.

The case undoubtedly is one of some hardship. The Petitioner was permitted to introduce steam machinery, at considerable expense, and to work it without any remonstrance from neighbours, and, it would appear, with even very general commendation for his enterprise. Nor does it appear that any of the various Attorney-Generals from 1859 to June of the present year had thought

thought it necessary to interfere in the matter, notwithstanding the same risk of fire from the very first. It is true that the offer made to Petitioner of £100 on the part of the Government, before proceedings were taken against him, was declined by him, on the ground, as the Committee understand, that it was quite insufficient to cover the various expenses of his removal; but he appears not to have unduly contested the matter before the Court, and to have vacated immediately upon the *interim* Injunction being obtained; whilst it is clear, from all the circumstances that have come to the knowledge of the Committee, that he must have lost largely in doing so, and in establishing himself elsewhere.

The Committee regret that they should be required to interpose in a matter between the Government and an individual which has been already before the Supreme Court, and they would still more regret if any recommendation of theirs should encourage the establishment of dangerous or unwholesome machinery or manufactures in the midst of a town population, or in neighbourhoods where, though comparatively harmless for a time, must evidently soon become the sources of great public nuisance; but the Committee, taking all the circumstances into consideration, think this case fairly entitled to be dealt with as an exceptional one, and they would therefore recommend that the Petitioner should receive the sum £300 by way of indemnification for the losses he has undergone through the action of the Government.

(2.) *Petition of John Waring Saxton:*

This Petition relates to the state of Petitioner's title to certain land awarded to him as one of the New Zealand Company's original land purchasers in the settlement of Nelson, and prays that the understanding or engagement for compensation as such purchaser, entered into with him on the part of the Company, may be carried out "according to the true intent and meaning thereof."

An arrangement, it seems, was made between the then agent of the New Zealand Company (Mr. F. D. Bell) and Mr. Saxton, by which he was to receive, by way of compensation, a certain block of broken hill land adjoining his residence, estimated to contain so many hundred acres having a certain relative value, and lying within certain well defined natural boundaries. For this land and other sections the property of Mr. Saxton a Crown Grant was issued in 1851, the plan on which very distinctly defines the same, but by some singular mistake the compensation acreage was therein assumed to be 770 acres, whereas by information derived from recent surveys connecting the then Waste Lands of the Crown with that granted to the Petitioner, the actual area of the compensation land shewn by the plan on the Crown Grant comprises probably about 1000 acres in excess of that quantity.

The whole of this compensation block, much of which is practically worthless, has been, and apparently still is, in Mr. Saxton's occupation, and it is clear the New Zealand Campany were bound to convey it to him; but the Commissioner of Crown Lands, it appears, declines or hesitates to recognise his title to the whole, considering the Crown Grant defective and self-contradictory.

The Committee have considered the various circumstances of this case as very briefly stated above, and they are agreed in thinking the Petitioner entitled to, and in recommending that he should receive, a separate Grant for so much of the compensation land intended to be awarded him as is not clearly covered and conveyed by the Grant from the Crown of 1851, or already granted to other parties. The Committee conceive this may be effected under the "Crown Grants Act, (No. 21), 1862," if there be any reasonable doubts as to its being authorised by the "Waste Lands Act, 1858," or other legislation of the Colony having special reference to the transactions and engagements of the New Zealand Company.

(3.) *Petition of Eliza Meredith:*

The case of this Petitioner, who unfortunately had her husband and one of her children murdered, and most of her property ravaged by the Maoris at the beginning of the present war, is no doubt one of great hardship and suffering, and such as the Committee would gladly recommend to the favourable consideration of the Government; but it seems impossible to treat it apart from other cases of the same too numerous class, which are certain to claim the serious notice of the Government shortly.

The Committee must therefore decline to make any recommendation on the subject of this particular claim, except that they consider it will, amongst others of the same kind, require the early attention and investigation of the Government, acting through a Commissioner or Commissioners appointed for that express purpose.

(4.) *Petition of Edward Catchpool:*

At this period of the Session, the Committee feel that it is quite impossible for them to give the neccesary attention to this case, which, from its nature, would involve a reference to several witnesses, and require much more time than your Committee can possibly devote to it.

(5.) *Petition of Hugh Coolahan:*

This Petition having only been submitted to the Committee this morning, and being apparently one that involves many complicated details respecting Petitioner's claim to certain lands, it is of course impossible for this Committee to give it any proper consideration.

32. *Coroners Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Coroners Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

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The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Coroners Act, 1858."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

Then, on Motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld,
The House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, December 12th, 1864.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Colonel HAULTAIN to move, That the Petition of J. Milner Tizard be taken into consideration.
2. Mr. DILLON BELL to move, For copies of all letters and memoranda which may have passed between the Colonial Secretary's, Customs, and Immigration Departments, relative to the capacity of the Hulk "Marion" to carry passengers under the Passengers Act.
3. Mr. MANTELL to move, That a Library Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. Carleton, the Honourable Mr. Weld, Mr. Gillies, and the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert.
4. Mr. CARLETON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, those Settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, are as well entitled to compensation as the Taranaki Settlers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Wild Birds' Protection Bill—to be reported.
2. Naturalization Bill—to be reported.
3. Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill—to be reported.
4. Albert Hall Bill—second reading.

Monday, the 12th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS:

1. *Petitions presented.*—(1.) By Mr. John Williamson: The Petition of Robert Gibbs, of Auckland, settler.

   Petition received.

   (2.) The Petition of Samuel Vickers, late settler at the Mauku.

   Petition received.

2. *Papers.*—The Honourable Major Atkinson laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

   (1.) Return of the Names and Tribes of Natives who may have accepted the terms of His Excellency's Proclamation of Amnesty, up to the 10th December instant. Being Return to an Order of the House of the 9th December instant.

   (2.) Return of all persons in the Auckland Militia and Volunteers exempted from service by Payment of £10, or by Medical Certificates: Also, the Petition of certain Inhabitants complaining thereof. Being Return to an Order of the House of the 3rd December instant.

   The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

   (3.) Return of Receipts and Expenditure of the "Orpheus" Fund.

   Ordered, That the said Papers be printed for the use of Members of this House.

3. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

   The Legislative Council have passed a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Native Lands Act, 1862," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives. And also,

   The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills with certain amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives:—

   A Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps."

   A Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Sheriffs' Act, 1858."

   A Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Waste Land Regulations of the Province of Canterbury."

   And a Private Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Dunedin Waterworks Company (Limited) to make and maintain waterworks for the supply of the town and neighbourhood of Dunedin with water, and for other purposes."

4. *Native Lands Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to amend the Native Lands Act, 1862," be now read a first time.

   The Bill was accordingly read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

5. *Coupons Bill.—Ordered*, That the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Coupons Bill be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. *Canterbury Land Regulations Bill.—Ordered*, That the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Canterbury Waste Lands Regulations Bill, be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. *Sheriffs'*

7. *Sheriffs' Act Amendment Bill.—Ordered*, That the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.—Ordered*, That the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Dunedin Waterworks Bill be an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. *Petition of J. M. Tizard.*—On motion of Colonel Haultain, *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the Government should take into consideration the Petition of J. Milner Tizard during the Recess.

10. "*Marion*" *Hulk.*—On motion of Mr. Dillon Bell, *Ordered*, That there be laid upon the Table, copies of all Letters and Memoranda which may have passed between the Colonial Secretary's, Customs, and Immigration Departments, relative to the capacity of the hulk "Marion" to carry passengers under the Passengers' Act.

11. *Library Committee.*—On motion of Mr. Mantell, *Ordered*, That a Library Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. Carleton, the Honourable Mr. Weld, Mr. Domett, and the Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, with power to confer with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council.

12. *Compensation to Settlers in the North.*—On motion of Mr. Mantell, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Question, That in the opinion of this House, those settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, are as well entitled to compensation as the Taranaki settlers.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made and Question proposed: That, in the opinion of this House, those Settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, are as well entitled to compensation as the Taranaki Settlers. (*Mr. Carleton.*)

Amendment proposed: To omit the words "as well as the Taranaki Settlers." (*Mr. John Williamson.*)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed: To omit all the words after the word "That" in the first line with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following words: "The consideration of the question of compensation to those Settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, be postponed until next Session." (*Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert.*)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. O'Rorke reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. O'Rorke accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the consideration of the question of compensation to those settlers who suffered losses during and in consequence of the war in the North, commonly called Heke's war, be postponed until next Session.

And the Report being read a second time, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

13. *Wild Birds' Protection Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the report of the Committee of the whole House on the Wild Birds' Protection Bill;

The same was accordingly received and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to extend certain provisions of certain Animals Act."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made therein.

14. *Naturalization Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Naturalization Bill;

The same was accordingly received and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for the Naturalization of certain Persons in the Colony of New Zealand."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made therein.

15. *Auckland Waste Lands Act* (1858) *Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report of the whole House on the Auckland Waste Lands Act (1858) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

16. *Albert Hall Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Albert Hall Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of a Reserve in the City of Auckland as a site for a Music Hall and other Buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant for the same."

Ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, together with a Message requesting their concurrence.

17. *Adjournment (Special.)*—On motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Resolved*, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

Then, the House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, December 13th, 1864.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. STAFFORD to move, That it is desirable that a Bill be prepared by the Government during the recess, to be submitted next Session, for imposing an Income and Property Tax of sufficient amount to provide a sinking fund for the Three Million Loan necessitated to meet the expenses of the Native Rebellion.
2. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of Samuel Vickers be referred to the Government for consideration and enquiry during the recess.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Dunedin Waterworks Bill—consideration of Amendments by the Legislative Council.
2. Canterbury Waste Lands Bill—consideration of Amendments by the Legislative Council.
3. Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill—consideration of Amendments by the Legislative Council.
4. Coupons Bill—consideration of Amendments by the Legislative Council.
5. Native Lands Act Amendment Bill—second reading.

Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1864.

PRAYERS;

1. *Message.*—A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Curnin, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council:

The Legislative Council have concurred in the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the following Bills:—

A Bill intituled, "An Act for the Naturalization of certain persons within the Colony of New Zealand."

A Bill entituled, "An Act to extend certain Provisions of the Protection of certain Animals Act, 1861." And also,

The Legislative Council have concurred without any Amendment in the Bill entituled "An Act to enable the Governor to set apart a portion of a Reserve in the City of Auckland as a Site for a Music Hall and other Buildings, and to issue a Crown Grant for the same."

2. *Native Insurrection.*—On Motion of the Honourable Mr. Weld, *Ordered*, That he have leave to withdraw from off the Table of the House the Return of the Names and Tribes of Natives who may have accepted the terms of His Excellency's Proclamation of Amnesty up to the 10th December instant.

3. *Papers.*—The Honourable Major Richardson laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—Report of the Telegraphic Engineer.

4. *Income and Property Tax.*—Mr. Stafford moved, and the Question was proposed, That it is desirable that a Bill be prepared by the Government during the recess, to be submitted next Session, for imposing an Income and Property Tax of sufficient amount to provide a sinking fund for the Three Million Loan necessitated to meet the expenses of the Native Rebellion.

A Debate arose thereupon.

Mr. Brown moved in amendment, That the House proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

The amendment was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Brown, *Resolved*, That this Debate be now adjourned until after the consideration of the Orders of Day.

5. *Dunedin*

5. *Dunedin Waterworks Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Dunedin Waterworks Bill;

And the same being read were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

6. *Canterbury Waste Lands Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Canterbury Waste Lands Bill;

And the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

7. *Sheriffs' Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Sheriffs Act Amendment Bill;

And the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

8. *Coupons Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Coupons Bill;

And the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

9. *Native Lands Act Amendment Bill.*—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Native Lands Act Amendment Bill;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. O'Rorke reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Native Lands Act, 1863."

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House hath passed the Bill without any amendment.

10. *Library Committee.*—The Honourable Mr. Fitzherbert, from the Joint Library Committee, brought up a Report, and the same was read as followeth:—

Ordered, That the Chairman report the following Resolutions to the House:

(1.) That the powers given to Mr. Carleton in the Session of 1862 be renewed.

(2.) That the Librarian be desired to communicate with Mr. Carleton from time to time informing him of any suggestions made by Members of Assembly as to the purchase books, and to lay on the Library Table a blank memorandum book for the reception of such suggestions.

(3.) That the Parliamentary Papers from 1863 be obtained and half-bound.

(4.) That the Librarian be instructed to have cases prepared, in order that the books may be removed to Wellington at the same time with the Government Records.

10. *Income and Property Tax.*—The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question, That it is desirable that a Bill be prepared by the Government during the recess, to be submitted next Session, for imposing an Income and Property Tax of sufficient amount to provide a Sinking Fund for the Three Million Loan necessitated to meet the expenses of the Native Rebellion.

The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

11. *Petition of Samuel Vickers.*—On Motion of Mr. John Williamson, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Samuel Vickers be referred to the Government for consideration and inquiry during the recess.

12. *Paper.*—The Honourable Mr. Weld laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency,—

Return of all cases which have been tried under the "Suppression of Rebellion Act, 1863;" being Return to an Order of the House of the 3rd December instant.

13. *Messages.*—Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered to Mr. Speaker by Mr. Thatcher, His Excellency's Private Secretary.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

G. GREY, Governor. *Message No. 5.*

The Bills intituled—

The New Customs Duties Act, 1864,
The Rate of Interest Act, 1864,
The Debentures Act, 1864,
The New Zealand Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Public Works Lands Act, 1864,

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The Coroners' Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Auckland Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Arms Act Continuance Act, 1864,
The Registration of Deeds Validation (Otago) Act, 1864,
The Panama Mail Service Act, 1864,
The Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1864,
The Naturalization Act, 1864,
The Albert Hall Act, 1864,
The Native Lands Act Amendment Act, 1864,
The Coupons Act, 1864,
The Sheriffs' Act Amendment Act, 1864,

(Local and Personal)

The Canterbury Great Northern Railway Act, 1864,
The Canterbury Great Southern Railway Act, 1864,
The Bank of Auckland Act, 1864,
The Otago and Southland Investment Company (Limited) Act, 1864,
The Commercial Bank of New Zealand (Limited) Act, 1864,
The Dunedin Waterworks (Limited) Act, 1864,

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Auckland, 13th December, 1864.

G. GREY, Governor.

Message No. 6.

The Bill intituled—

The Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1864;

as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, he has reserved the same for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Government House, Auckland, 13th December, 1864.

Summons from His Excellency.—A Summons from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Thatcher, His Excellency's Private Secretary:—

Mr. Speaker,—

The Governor desires this Honourable House to attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for the zeal with which you have discharged your Legislative duties during the present short Session.

The Resolutions adopted by both branches of the Legislature, relative to the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Land Forces so soon as may be consistent with Imperial interests and the safety of the Colony, shall be transmitted forthwith for Her Majesty's consideration.

I shall at the same time state that this request is made in the hope thereby to remove all necessity for interference on the part of the Imperial Government in the management of the internal affairs of the Colony after Her Majesty's land forces have been withdrawn.

You have given me an express power to carry roads through the country, making just provision for the compensation of land-owners. This Act, which equally applies to both races of Her Majesty's subjects, will, I trust, if wisely administered, promote the future progress of New Zealand and the civilization of its native inhabitants.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I have to thank you for the measures which you have passed, having for their object, the maintenance of the credit of the Colony by increasing its revenue and making provision for its immediate and extraordinary exigencies.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

Special circumstances have compelled me to bring the Session to a close within an unusually short period. Many important questions will, however, demand your early consideration. It is my intention to convoke a Session of the Assembly at Wellington before the expiration of the current financial year.

Earnestly praying that, under Divine Providence, the measures to which you have given your sanction may conduce to the safety and welfare of the Colony, and of both races of Her Majesty's subjects therein, I now, in Her Majesty's name, do declare that this Assembly stands prorogued, and the Assembly is prorogued accordingly.

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